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## Abstract

The synthesis, electronic structure and reactivity of *trans*-dioxorhenium(V) and -(VI) complexes have been examined in detail. An improved general synthesis of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]X complexes is presented. The amine complex [ReO<sub>2</sub>(en)<sub>2</sub>]I can be made in 90% yield from ReO<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>I and ethylenediamine in less than 15 minutes at room temperature. Refluxing methanol suspensions of ReO<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>I with 12-50 equivalents of electron-rich pyridines results in the formation of [ReO<sub>2</sub>L<sub>4</sub>]I compounds in 50 to 85% yield.

Systematic substituent studies reveal the influence of ancillary ligands on the physical properties of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] compounds. The Re(VI)/Re(V) redox couple is a linear function of pyridine ligand  $\Delta pK_a$ :  $E_{1/2}(\text{ReVI/ReV}) = (0.96 + 0.21\Delta pK_a) \text{ V vs. Fc}^+/\text{Fc}$ . The  $d_{xy}/d_{xz}, d_{yz}$  energy gap is also a linear function of pyridine  $\Delta pK_a$ ; increasing the pyridine basicity lowers the energy of the  $d_{xy} \rightarrow d_{xz}, d_{yz}$  transition and the energy of the  ${}^3E_g(d_{xy})^1(d_{xz}, d_{yz})^1$  excited state. The excited-state properties of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] pyridine complexes follow a trend consistent with the energy-gap law.

Strongly basic 4-dialkylaminopyridine ligands stabilize  $d^1$  *trans*-dioxorhenium(VI) complexes. Analysis of the X-ray structure of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> shows that there is considerable shortening (0.04 Å) in the Re-N bond lengths relative to Re(V) analogues, but the Re-oxo bond lengths are virtually the same in both oxidation states. The EPR spectrum of the  $d^1$  ion *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> (dmap = 4-dimethylaminopyridine) has been measured in a 50% DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O glass at 7 K. Analysis of the spectrum gives  $g_{\perp} = 1.91$ ,  $A_{\perp} = 0.031 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $g_{\parallel} = 1.83$ ,  $A_{\parallel} = 0.060 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $Q_z = 0.0075 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Because of the large quadrupole coupling, the forbidden ( $\Delta M_I = \pm 1, \pm 2$ ) transitions are quite intense and some are stronger than the allowed ( $\Delta M_I = 0$ ) transitions. Comparison of  $Q_z$  values and  $d_{xy} \rightarrow d_{xz}, d_{yz}$  transition energies for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> and related monooxo and mononitrido complexes confirms that the ligand-field splitting associated with the multiply bonded units increases in the order  $\text{ReO}^{4+} < \text{ReN}^{3+} < \text{ReO}_2^{2+}$ .

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**List of Abbreviations**

A	associative (mechanism)
Å	angstrom
anal.	analysis
assign.	assignment (NMR spectra)
asym	asymmetric
atm	atmosphere
bpy	2,2'-bipyridine
br	broad
Bu	butyl
C	Celsius, coulomb
<i>ca.</i>	approximately (circa; about)
cal	calorie
calcd	calculated
cb	conjugate (counter) base
<i>cf.</i>	compare
cm <sup>-1</sup>	wavenumber(s)
concd	concentrated
cont'd	continued
cor	corrected
CT	charge transfer
CV	cyclic voltammetry
D	dissociative (mechanism)
d	doublet (spectral)
δ	parts per million (NMR scale)
Δ O.D.	optical density change
diphos	1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane

dmap	4-dimethylaminopyridine
DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
dppen	1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethene
$Dq, Ds, Dt$	crystal field splittings
$e^-$	electron
$\epsilon$	molar absorptivity
$E_{1/2}$	half-wave potential
$E_{(0-0)}$	electronic transition energy between two $n = 0$ vibrational levels
$e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$	electrons per cubic angstrom
ed.	edition
Ed., Eds.	editor, editors
<i>e.g.</i>	for example
$E_{em}$	emission energy maximum
en	ethylenediamine
EPR	electron paramagnetic resonance
eq	equation
equiv	equivalent
ESR	electron spin resonance
Et	ethyl
<i>et al.</i>	and others
<i>etc.</i>	and so forth
eV	electron volt
exp	exponential
$\Phi_{em}$	emission quantum yield
FTIR	Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy
g	gram



G	Gauss, giga
GOF	goodness-of-fit
h	hour
h $\nu$	UV-visible radiation
HOMO	highest occupied molecular orbital
Hz	Hertz (s <sup>-1</sup> )
I	electric current, intimate mechanism
I <sub>a</sub>	intimate-associative mechanism
I <sub>d</sub>	intimate-dissociative mechanism
<i>i.e.</i>	that is
int.	integration results (NMR spectra)
<i>inten</i>	intensity
IR	infrared
k	kilo, rate constant
k <sub>r</sub>	radiative decay rate constant
k <sub>nr</sub>	non-radiative decay rate constant
K	Kelvin
l	liquid
L	litre, ligand
$\lambda$	wavelength
$\lambda_{\text{max}}$	band maximum
LF	ligand field
LMCT	ligand-to-metal charge transfer
ln	natural logarithm
LUMO	lowest unoccupied molecular orbital
3,5-lut	3,5-lutidine
m	meter, milli, multiplet (spectra)

$\mu$	micro
$\mu_B$	Bohr magneton
M	mega ( $10^6$ ), metal, mol dm <sup>-3</sup> or mol L <sup>-1</sup> (molar)
max	maximum
Me	methyl
4-MeOpy	4-methoxypyridine
3-Medmap	3-methyl-4-(dimethylamino)pyridine
min	minute, minimum
mg	milligram
MLCT	metal-to-ligand charge transfer
mmHg	millimetres of mercury (measure of pressure)
MO	molecular orbital
mol	mole
mult.	multiplicity (NMR spectra)
MV <sup>2+</sup>	methylviologen
n	nano
<i>n</i>	normal (as in <i>n</i> -butyl, <i>n</i> -Bu)
$\nu$	frequency (wavenumber)
$\nu_{\text{asym}}$	frequency of asymmetric stretch
$\nu_{\text{sym}}$	frequency of symmetric stretch
NHE	normal hydrogen electrode
nm	nanometer
$\mu_N$	nuclear magneton
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
no.	number
obsd	observed
ORTEP	Oak Ridge Thermal Ellipsoid Peak Program

p	page, negative logarithm of ( as in pH, pKa)
PAR	Princeton Applied Research
Ph	phenyl
4-Phpy	4-phenylpyridine
phen	1,10-phenanthroline
4-pic	4-picoline (4-methylpyridine)
pKa	negative logarithm of acid dissociation constant
pp	pages
PPh <sub>3</sub>	triphenylphosphine
ppm	parts per million
Pr	propyl
py	pyridine
4-pyrpy	4-pyrrolidinopyridine
q	quartet (spectra)
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$	calculated density
ref	reference
<i>rel</i>	relative
RT	room temperature
s	second, singlet (NMR), strong (IR spectra)
SCE	standard calomel electrode
<i>sec</i>	secondary (as in <i>sec</i> -butyl, <i>sec</i> -Bu)
sh	shoulder (spectral)
SSCE	saturated sodium chloride electrode
sym	symmetrical
t	triplet (spectra)
<i>t</i>	tertiary (as in <i>t</i> -Bu; but <i>tert</i> -butyl)
$\tau_0$	excited-state lifetime

TBABr	tetra- <i>n</i> -butylammonium bromide
TBAH	tetra- <i>n</i> -butylammonium hexafluorophosphate
THF	tetrahydrofuran
tmc	1,4,8,11-tetramethyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane
TMPD	tetramethyparaphenylenediamine
TPP	<i>meso</i> -tetraphenylporphyrin
trans. coeff.	transmission coefficient
uncor	uncorrected
UV	ultraviolet
UV-vis	ultraviolet-visible
V	Volt
vol	volume
vs	very strong (UV-vis, IR spectra)
vs.	versus
v/v	volume-to-volume ratio
vw	very weak
w	weak
W	watt
X	halide

**Chapter 1.**  
**Introduction and Background.**

## INTRODUCTION

Metal-oxo complexes are an important class of oxidizing agents.<sup>1,2</sup> For this reason, there have been numerous studies to obtain a detailed understanding of their electronic structure and reactivity patterns.<sup>3-5</sup> These species also have biological relevance; the reactive intermediate in the cytochrome P-450 cycle has been postulated to be an iron(IV) terminal oxo porphyrin complex.<sup>6</sup> In an attempt to develop a detailed understanding of this last species, several groups have studied the generation and reactivity of metal-oxo porphyrin complexes of the transition metals.<sup>7,8</sup>

Metal-oxo porphyrin complexes are often very thermally reactive and can only be generated as reactive transients from a metal porphyrin halide and some source of oxygen atoms such as hydrogen peroxide or iodosylbenzene. Addition of an oxygen atom formally results in a two-electron metal-centered oxidation. In this manner, metal oxo complexes have been made with metals in a variety of oxidation states and different d-electron configurations. Examples include  $\text{O}=\text{Mn}(\text{TPP})$ ,  $\text{O}=\text{Cr}(\text{X})(\text{TPP})$ , and  $\text{O}=\text{Fe}(\text{X})(\text{TPP})$  with d-electron configurations of 2, 1, and 4, respectively.

Although metal porphyrin complexes have certainly dominated the metal-oxo area for the last decade, they are not the only species which have been studied in mechanistic detail. Meyer and coworkers have published a very informative series of mechanistic studies concerning the oxidation chemistry associated with  $[(\text{bpy})_2(\text{py})\text{Ru}(\text{O})]^{2+}$  and related complexes.<sup>9-17</sup> This ruthenium(IV) oxo complex epoxidizes olefins, and can oxidize aldehydes, alcohols<sup>17</sup> and unsaturated hydrocarbons.<sup>15</sup>

Che and coworkers have also developed oxoruthenium complexes that are effective oxidants. This group has made use of oxidation resistant saturated amine ligands and nitrogen heterocycles as successful ancillary ligands.<sup>18</sup>

What is the origin of metal-oxo reactivity, and how does oxygen atom transfer proceed at the molecular level? To begin to address these questions, it is essential to examine in detail, the electronic structure associated with these compounds.

## BACKGROUND

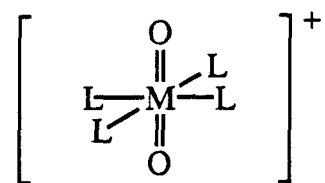
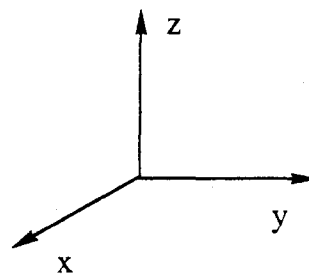
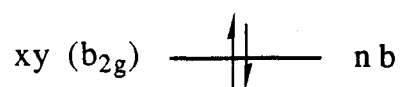
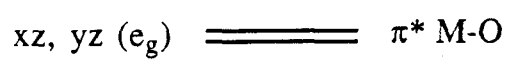
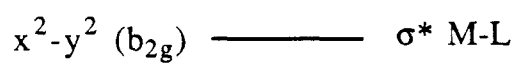
The MO diagram developed by Ballhausen and Gray<sup>19</sup> to explain the EPR, magnetic, and optical properties of the vanadyl ion,  $[\text{VO}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]^{2+}$ , is a good starting point for understanding the electronic structure of metal-(di)oxo complexes with square-pyramidal (point group  $C_{4v}$ ) and octahedral (point group  $D_{4h}$ ) geometries. This MO diagram is provided in Figure 1.1. The presence of the oxo ligand, with its strong  $\sigma$ - and  $\pi$ -donor properties, partially resolves the degeneracy in the  $e_g$  and  $t_{2g}$  manifolds of the d-orbitals in an octahedral environment. Taking the z-axis as lying along the M-O axis, the  $d_{xz}$  and  $d_{yz}$  orbitals are used to form  $\pi$ -bonds with the oxo ligand(s), leaving the  $d_{xy}$  orbital non-bonding in nature. In monooxo complexes, the bond M-O bond order would formally be 3 (one  $\sigma$ - and two  $\pi$ -bonds); in the case of a dioxo complex, each oxygen ligand forms one  $\pi$ -bond with one  $d\pi$  orbital and the net bond order for each M-O bond is 2.

The MO diagram in Figure 1.1 readily explains the empirical observation that stable oxo complexes with these coordination geometries exist only for d configurations of 4 or less.<sup>1,4</sup> This is a result of the requirement that at least one  $d\pi$  orbital must be vacant (or two half-occupied) to accept an electron pair from an oxygen p-orbital. In the case of dioxo complexes, a limit of 2 electrons exists, as both  $d_{xz}$  and  $d_{yz}$  must be vacant to allow each oxygen atom to form one  $\pi$ -bond with the metal center.

When one considers the metal-oxo complexes that are known to be effective oxidants, the following observation is noted: All are either good electron-transfer oxidants and/or have the  $d_{xz}, d_{yz}$  orbitals populated. The first property ensures that the compound is capable of extracting an electron from the substrate, thereby activating it towards further redox or acid-base reactions. The second property primes the oxo group to become extremely reactive upon electron addition; M-O  $\pi$ -antibonding levels become populated causing an M-O  $\pi$ -bond to rupture, increasing the oxo ligand's basicity. The oxo ligand becomes susceptible to protonation or electrophilic attack by an electron poor substrate.

Figure 1.1. MO diagram for octahedral and square-pyramidal metal-oxo complexes. The diagram is valid for a *trans*-dioxo complex with  $D_{4h}$  symmetry. For monooxo complexes of  $C_{4v}$  symmetry, remove the subscripts u and g on the orbital labels.





The above information can be put to use in the design of new metal-oxo reagents. The ideal complex would be strongly oxidizing with as high a d-electron population as possible. This is exactly what nature has accomplished with Fe(IV)-oxo reagents. This ion is highly oxidizing in virtually all<sup>20</sup> coordination environments and has a metal-oxo bond order of two. Upon transfer of a single electron to this entity, the metal-oxo  $\pi$ -bond would be ruptured, and the oxo group would become more nucleophilic. The design of such species has been difficult because of the inherently high activity associated with these d-configurations. Meyer's complex,  $[(bpy)_2(py)Ru(O)]^{2+}$ , probably represents the best example to date of this approach.

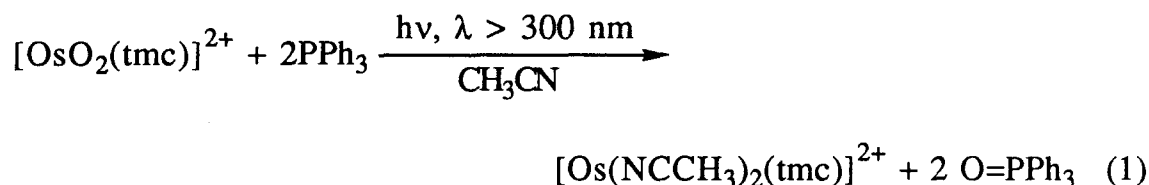
If one considers the MO diagram of Figure 1.1, an alternative approach becomes evident: One could attempt to activate thermally inert species photochemically. Excitation of a non-bonding ( $d_{xy}$ ) electron to the  $d_{xz}, d_{yz}$  level will have two consequences: it will make the compound a stronger (electron-transfer) oxidant by virtue of the hole created in  $d_{xy}$ , and it will weaken the M-O bond because of  $\pi^*$  orbital population.

To explore this approach, Winkler and Gray began a detailed study<sup>21</sup> of the electronic structure and excited-state properties of the two possible cases,  $d^1$  and  $d^2$ . In the first case, molybdenum(V) oxohalide species,  $[MoOX_4]^-$ , were considered. These species were deemed to be unpromising because of their short-lived excited states.<sup>21</sup> In order for bimolecular photochemistry to compete with other deactivation processes, the excited state must live for at least 50 ns,<sup>21</sup> and these compounds did not fulfill this requirement.

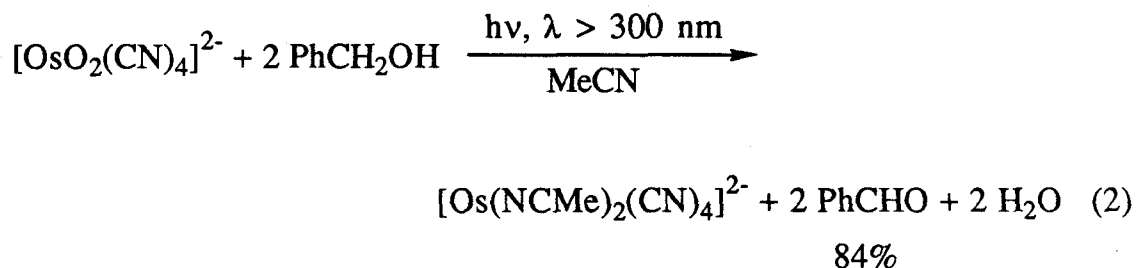
It was thought that  $d^2$  complexes might have inherently longer-lived excited states because of the potential spin-barrier that could exist for relaxation back to the ground state (*i.e.*, triplet-singlet conversion).<sup>21</sup> Indeed, this is the case for the rhenium(V) complex *trans*- $[ReO_2(py)_4]^+$ . Detailed single-crystal absorption and emission studies<sup>22</sup> revealed that the lowest excited state was a triplet with a  $(d_{xy})^1(d_{xz}, d_{yz})^1$  configuration, as was expected. In fluid solution, this excited state had a mean radiative lifetime of 10  $\mu$ s in the absence of protic solvents.<sup>22,23</sup> A Franck-Condon analysis of the vibronic structure present in the low

temperature emission spectrum revealed that there was a 0.07 Å elongation along Re-O in the excited state, indicative of the bond weakening expected from ( $d_{xz}, d_{yz}$ ) population.<sup>22</sup> In light of doing photochemically induced oxo transfer, these results were quite encouraging. This flicker of hope was rapidly extinguished, however, by the fact that the oxo groups of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> were found to be photo-inert towards transfer to even the most obliging of acceptors, triphenylphosphine.<sup>21,24</sup>

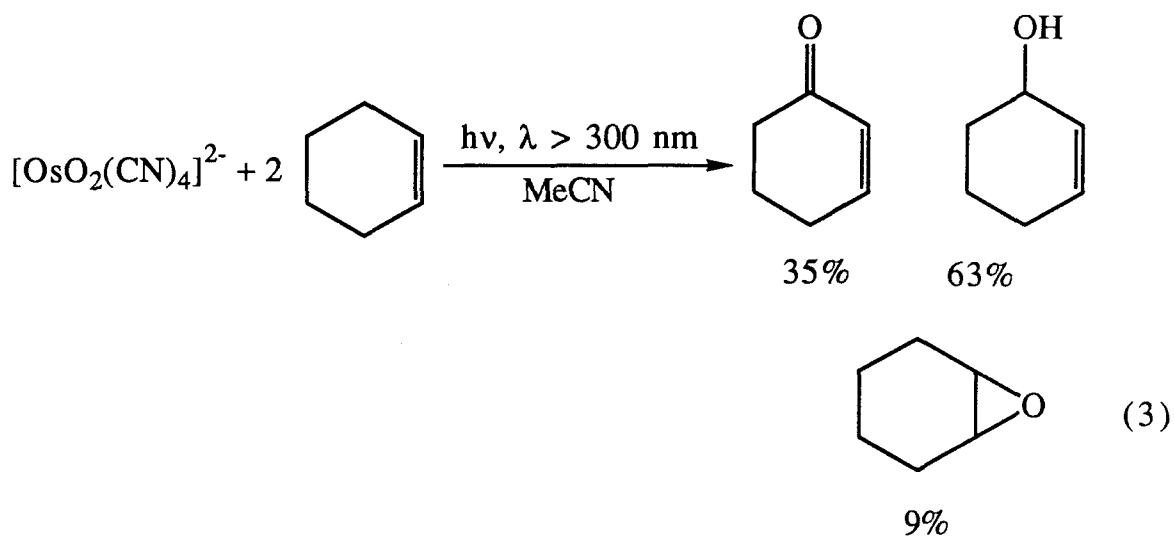
In contrast to the lack of success that had been observed in the rhenium systems, Che and coworkers found some reactivity in related osmium systems. Photo-induced oxo transfer to triphenylphosphine was accomplished as shown in the following reaction:<sup>25</sup>



Photochemical alcohol oxidation could also be effected as shown below:<sup>26</sup>



Even alkene substrates could be functionalized:<sup>26</sup>



*Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, *trans*-[OsO<sub>2</sub>(tmc)]<sup>2+</sup>, and *trans*-[OsO<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> are isoelectronic systems with the same lowest-energy excited states.<sup>25</sup> What then, is the source of the drastic difference in excited-state reactivity between the rhenium and osmium systems?

Recall that metal-oxo bond weakening was only one component of the effect expected from electronic excitation. The other, which has not been examined so far, is the redox character of the excited state.

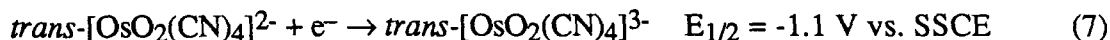
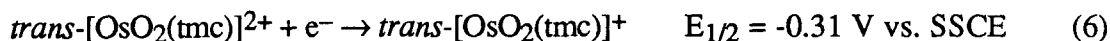
Using thermodynamic cycles, excited-state potentials can be estimated from a knowledge of ground state electrochemistry and excited state energy as shown in the equations below:<sup>27</sup>

$$E^{\circ}(\text{M}^{+}/\text{M}^{*}) = E^{\circ}(\text{M}^{+}/\text{M}) - E_{(0,0)}[\text{M} \rightarrow \text{M}^{*}] \quad (4)$$

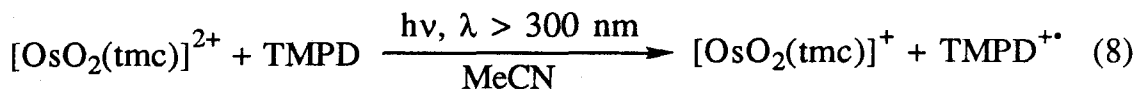
$$E^{\circ}(\text{M}^{*}/\text{M}^{-}) = E^{\circ}(\text{M}/\text{M}^{-}) + E_{(0,0)}[\text{M} \rightarrow \text{M}^{*}] \quad (5)$$

As indicated by the above equations, excited complexes are both stronger oxidants and reductants than when in their ground states.<sup>27</sup>

Che and coworkers found that the osmium complexes could be reduced electrochemically as shown below:<sup>25</sup>



Using the above formal potentials and an estimated  $E_{0,0}$  value of  $\sim 2 \text{ eV}$  ( $\sim 16,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  or  $620 \text{ nm}$  emission), it is possible to predict that the above complexes will behave as excited-state oxidants with potentials of  $1.7$  and  $0.9 \text{ V}$  (vs. SSCE) respectively.<sup>25</sup> It is significant that no oxidative chemistry is observed in these systems within the anodic limits of the solvent ( $2.5 \text{ V}$  vs. SCE in  $CH_3CN$ ), suggesting that the excited states of these complexes can be no more reducing than  $0.5 \text{ V}$ . That the osmium complexes behave as excited-state oxidants was verified experimentally by electron-transfer quenching experiments,<sup>25</sup> such as the one shown below:

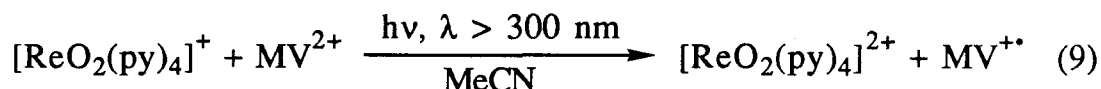


Using the known reduction potential of  $0.12$  for the radical cation of tetramethylparaphenylenediamine,  $(TMPD)^{+\bullet}$ , the above reaction is determined to be exergonic by  $0.8 \text{ V}$ .

From these results, it is believed that substrate oxidation is initiated via electron abstraction by the excited osmium complex. This is followed by a nucleophilic attack on the substrate by the oxo ligand. The net result is the ultimate transfer of both oxo ligands to substrate molecules by a complex cascade of reactions after these initial steps.<sup>28</sup>

Pipes and Meyer<sup>29</sup> first studied the aqueous electrochemistry of  $trans-[ReO_2(py)_4]^+$  and this was followed by work in non-aqueous solvents by Thorp *et al*<sup>30</sup>. In contrast to what was observed in the osmium systems,  $trans-[ReO_2(py)_4]^+$  could be reversibly oxidized at  $\sim 1.3 \text{ V}$  vs. SSCE. Considering an excited-state energy of  $\sim 2.0 \text{ V}$ , the  $Re(VI)/Re^*(V)$  potential was estimated to be  $-0.7 \text{ V}$  vs. SSCE. In its excited state, *trans*-

$[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^+$  was therefore expected to behave as a reductant. This was verified by excited-state electron-transfer quenching reactions,<sup>30</sup> such as that shown below in Equation 9.



The reaction depicted in Equation 9 is predicted to be exergonic by  $\sim 0.25$  V vs. SSCE.

The thermodynamics relevant to the osmium and rhenium systems are summarized in the modified Latimer diagrams presented in Figure 1.2. Note the complimentary behavior that exists between the two systems. A molecular orbital view of the consequences of these thermodynamic properties is presented in Figure 1.3. *Trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^+$  behaves as an excited state reductant and is converted into a  $d^1$  species by electron transfer. In contrast, *trans*- $[\text{OsO}_2(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$  and *trans*- $[\text{OsO}_2(\text{tmc})_4]^{2+}$  behave as excited-state oxidants and are converted into reactive  $d^3$  species.

Although the oxo groups in *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^+$  were found to be photo-inert, the oxidized rhenium center generated by photo-induced electron transfer appeared to be reactive. When the reaction represented in Equation 9 was carried out by bulk photolysis in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solvent, the radical cation  $\text{MV}^{+\bullet}$  accumulated, indicating consumption of the rhenium(VI) species. Electrochemically generated *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^{2+}$  was observed to react with silanes and secondary alcohols. Bulk electrolysis of *sec*-phenethylalcohol was effected in the presence of *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^{2+}$  with 90% current efficiency and three 'turn-overs' of rhenium complex base on the coulometry.<sup>30</sup> No detailed mechanistic information could be obtained nor could the structure of the active oxidant be studied because of the short-lived character of *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^{2+}$ .

The results obtained for the  $d^2$  osmium complexes clearly show that the original idea of photo-induced oxo transfer can be realized under appropriate conditions. It is clear that the

Figure 1.2. Modified Latimer diagrams for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> and *trans*-[OsO<sub>2</sub>(tmc)]<sup>2+</sup>.

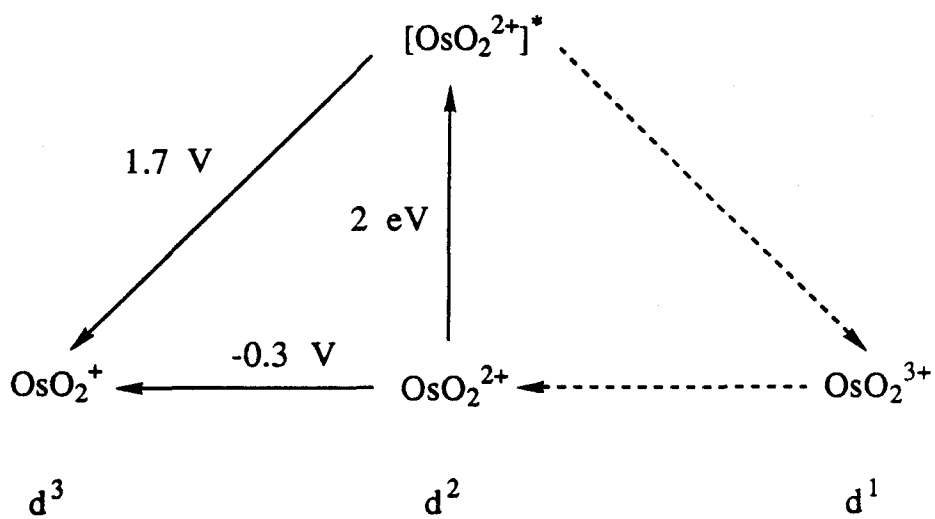
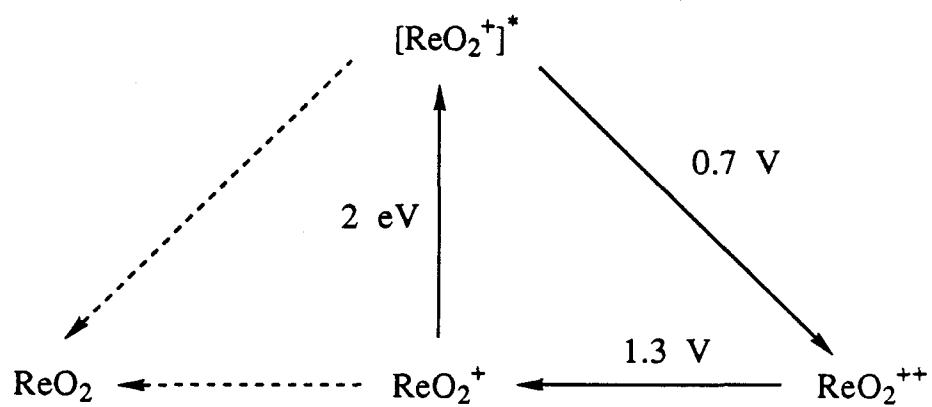
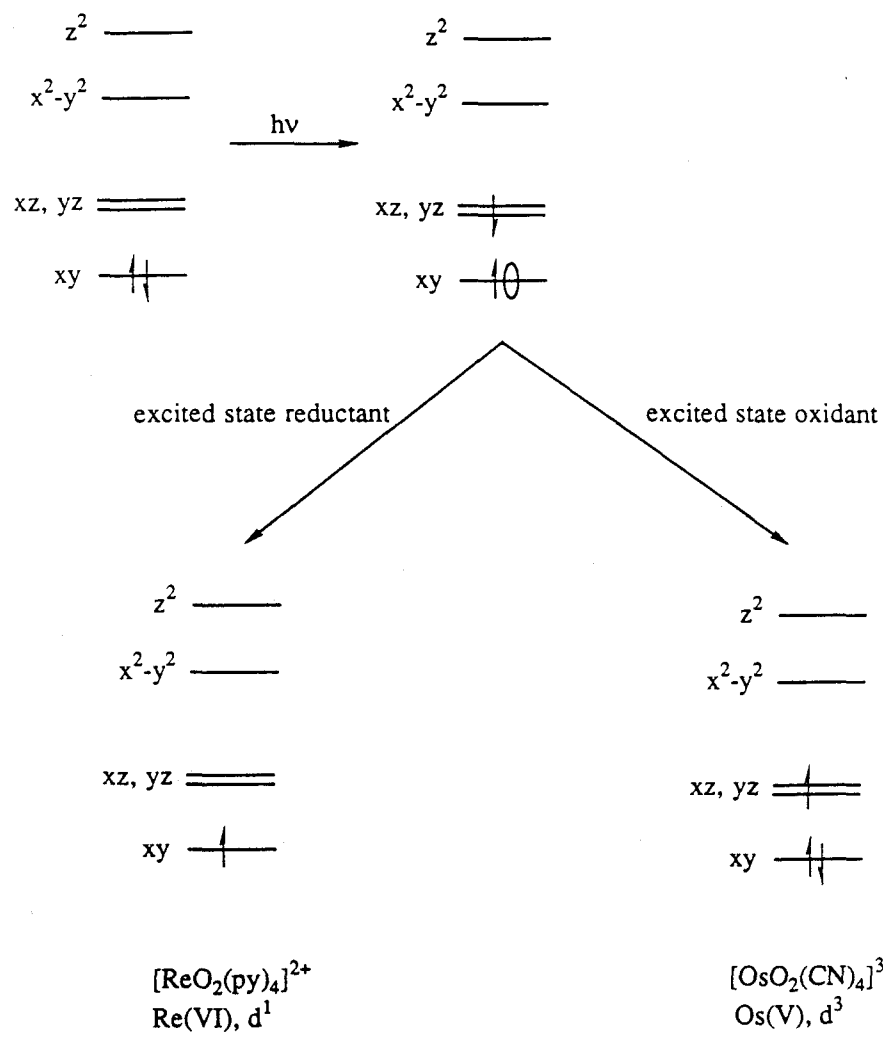




Figure 1.3. MO description of the excited-state reaction course for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> and *trans*-[OsO<sub>2</sub>(tmc)]<sup>2+</sup>.



ground-state redox properties are crucial and set the stage for excited-state behavior. The natural direction of this research is to explore to what extent the ground and excited-state properties of metal-oxo units can be modified by changes in ancillary ligand identity. Can the environment around  $\text{ReO}_2^+$  be modified to make it behave in an analogous fashion to osmium complexes? There is also the question of the nature and reactivity of the  $d^1$  species,  $\text{trans}[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^{2+}$ . It is the purpose of this thesis to begin walking down the long path to answering these questions.

In Chapter 2, we will discuss the first problem encountered in this endeavor: The insertion of the  $\text{trans-ReO}_2^+$  unit into a variety of coordination environments. In order to modify the ancillary ligands at will, it is essential to have efficient synthetic methods for making the complexes. A new, general synthetic method for insertion of the  $\text{trans-ReO}_2^+$  unit will be presented along with a brief discussion of the reaction mechanism.

In Chapter 3, the electronic structure, excited-state properties and redox behavior of a family of pyridine complexes and some phosphine compounds are examined in detail. From these studies, it will become clear how systematic changes in ancillary ligand affect the physical properties of  $\text{trans}[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L})_4]^+$  complexes.

Chapter 4 is devoted to the synthesis, characterization and reactivity of some stabilized  $\text{trans}$ -dioxorhenium(VI) compounds that provide insight into the mechanism of  $\text{trans}[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^{2+}$  alcohol oxidation. Optical, EPR, and X-ray structural information are used to gain a better understanding of  $\text{trans}[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L})_4]^{2+}$  electronic structures. This information is valuable for the design of new complexes containing high-valent  $\text{O=Re=O}$  units.

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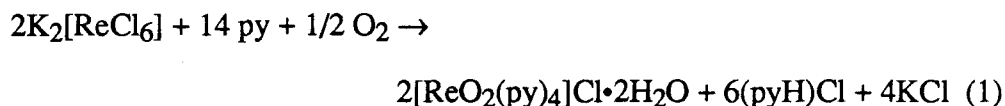
**Chapter 2.**  
**Synthetic Routes to *trans*-Dioxorhenium(V) Complexes.\***

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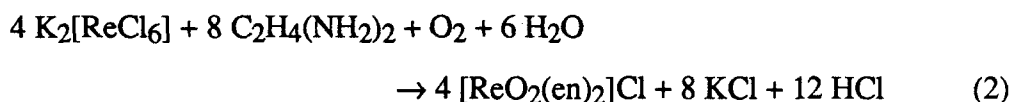
## INTRODUCTION

Before exploring the effects of ancillary ligand identity on the ground and excited-state properties of *trans*-dioxorhenium(V) complexes, it is necessary to develop a facile method for inserting the *trans*-ReO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> unit into a variety of ligand environments. The ideal starting material would (1) be synthesized in high yield from K[ReO<sub>4</sub>] (commercially available), (2) contain ligands that could be easily substituted without complicating product work-up, and (3) require only stoichiometric amounts of ligands in substitution reactions.

The Re(IV) compound, K<sub>2</sub>[ReCl<sub>6</sub>], is the common starting material for the syntheses of coordination complexes containing the *trans*-ReO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> unit. For example, the compound *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]Cl is obtained (in 34 to 60% yield) by bubbling O<sub>2</sub> through an aqueous pyridine solution of K<sub>2</sub>[ReCl<sub>6</sub>].<sup>1</sup>



In a similar fashion, the ethylenediamine complex *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(en)<sub>2</sub>]Cl is synthesized by reacting K<sub>2</sub>[ReCl<sub>6</sub>] in aerated 90% ethylenediamine for a 12 h period.<sup>2</sup>



The three major drawbacks of methods employing this material are: (1) long reaction times, (2) the use of aqueous solvents (because of the solubility properties of K<sub>2</sub>[ReCl<sub>6</sub>]), and (3) moderate to poor yields of desired product. Rhenium(IV) has a d<sup>3</sup> configuration and would therefore be expected to be substitutionally inert.<sup>3,4</sup> Because the target molecules contain Re(V), both an oxidant *and* an oxygen source must be present under the

reaction conditions. For all of the above reasons,  $K_2[ReCl_6]$  is a poor choice of starting material for  $trans-[ReO_2(L)_4]^Z$  compounds.

A literature search (CAS on-line) was conducted in order to locate all varieties of known complexes containing an  $ReO_2^+$  framework. The compound  $ReO_2(PPh_3)_2I$  stood out as exceptional; it has a *cis* disposition of oxo groups (rare for a  $d^2$  dioxometal configuration) and is coordinatively unsaturated.<sup>5</sup> Substitution of the phosphine ligands for 'harder' amine donors was expected because  $Re(V)$  is a hard acid.<sup>6</sup> These characteristics and the fact that the complex could be synthesized<sup>5</sup> in two (high yield) steps from  $K[ReO_4]$  lead us to believe that  $ReO_2(PPh_3)_2I$  might be an ideal synthon for the  $ReO_2^+$  unit.

Earlier work lent support to this hypothesis. In 1969, Freni<sup>7</sup> first prepared and studied the reactivity of  $ReO_2(PPh_3)_2I$ . Noteworthy was the observation that  $trans-[ReO_2(py)_4]I$  could be obtained in 91% yield from boiling  $ReO_2(PPh_3)_2I$  in neat pyridine for 15 minutes.

Chakravorti<sup>8-14</sup> had commented on the lability of the pyridine ligands in  $trans-[ReO_2(py)_4]^+$ . Hence, the use of this material as an  $ReO_2^+$  synthon is also briefly explored in this chapter.

## EXPERIMENTAL

**Materials.** All chemicals were either of reagent grade or the best grade commercially available and used as received. The ligand 4-methoxypyridine was prepared from the commercially available N-oxide using the method of Ochiai,<sup>15</sup> as described below. The sample of 3-methyl-4-dimethylaminopyridine used was a generous gift from Dr. Eric Scriven of Reilly Tar and Chemicals.

**Physical Measurements.**  $^1H$  NMR spectra were recorded at 90 MHz on a Varian EM-390 spectrometer or at 89.93 MHz on a JEOL FX90-Q spectrometer.  $^1H$  chemical shifts are reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ) using the solvent ( $CHCl_3$   $\delta$ 7.24,  $CHDCl_2$   $\delta$ 5.32,  $CD_3SOCD_2H$   $\delta$ 2.49,  $CD_2HCN$   $\delta$ 1.93, or  $CD_3COCHD_2$   $\delta$ 2.04) as an internal standard,



unless noted otherwise.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 36.27 MHz on a JEOL FX90-Q spectrometer and referenced to external 85% aqueous phosphoric acid. By established convention, peaks appearing upfield from this standard are assigned *negative* shift values. Infrared spectra were recorded as Nujol mulls on a Beckman IR 4240 spectrometer or on a Perkin-Elmer 1600 series FTIR. Background-corrected electronic absorption spectra were obtained using a Shimadzu UV-260 recording spectrometer or on a Cary Model 14 Spectrophotometer that had been rebuilt by On-Line Instruments Service (OLIS). Quartz cells of 1-cm pathlength were used in all cases. Elemental analyses were obtained at the Caltech analytical facility or from Galbraith Laboratories Inc.

**Syntheses.** The purple-violet compound  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$ , **1**, was prepared by hydrolysis of  $\text{ReO}(\text{OEt})(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}_2$  using the literature method<sup>7</sup> except that  $\text{KReO}_4$  was used in place of  $\text{H}[\text{ReO}_4]$ . The complex  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$  is soluble in benzene, chloroform, dichloromethane and nitromethane. It is insoluble in water, alcohols, acetone, diethyl ether and hydrocarbons. Except where noted, all manipulations were carried out in air.

**4-methoxypyridine.** Approximately 25 mL of 6 N NaOH solution was prepared by dissolving 6 grams of NaOH in 25 mL of distilled water. After mixing, this solution was set aside to cool to room temperature. 4-Methoxypyridine-*N*-oxide (1.32 g, 10.5 mmol) was placed in a 100-mL round-bottomed flask and dissolved in ~11 mL of chloroform. The solution, which contained a small amount of undissolved solid, was immersed in an ice water bath and allowed to cool for 5 min. With rapid stirring,  $\text{PCl}_3$  (2 mL, 23 mmol) was added dropwise over a 10 min period. The first drop caused a violent fizzing in the solution that was *not* observed with subsequent additions. After the addition of  $\text{PCl}_3$ , the solution was homogeneous and pale yellow in color. The cooling bath was removed, and the solution was allowed to warm to room temperature. After standing for 5 min, it developed an opaque, milky appearance. The mixture was brought to and maintained at reflux for 35 min. After this heating period, the solution was still opaque and a small number of pale orange crystals had formed. Heating was discontinued and the solution

cooled to room temperature. The flask was immersed in an ice bath and allowed to cool for 5 min. Distilled water (15 mL) was then *slowly* added from an addition funnel over a 10 min period, while stirring vigorously. (CAUTION: This hydrolysis reaction is very exothermic.) After the addition was complete, the solution was left to stir 5 min and then the aqueous and organic layers were separated. The clear aqueous layer was made alkaline (pH ~11 by litmus paper) by *slow* addition of ~15 mL of 6 N NaOH solution. The approach of the correct pH was signalled by the development of an opaque appearance to the solution. The alkaline aqueous layer was extracted with 3 X 40 mL of diethyl ether. These extracts were combined and dried over K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> for 10 min. The suspension was filtered by gravity (Whatman #1 filter paper) and the diethyl ether removed by rotary evaporation. Yield: 960 mg, 83%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , CDCl<sub>3</sub> *rel* to Me<sub>4</sub>Si) shift (mult., int., assign.): (1) 4-methoxypyridine: 8.45 (d; J = 7 Hz, 2H, *o*-H); 6.80 (d; J = 7 Hz, 2H, *m*-H); 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>); (2) 4-methoxypyridine-*N*-oxide: 8.14 (d; J = 9 Hz, 2H, *o*-H); 6.81 (d; J = 9 Hz, 2H, *m*-H); 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>). UV-vis,  $\lambda_{\max}$  in nm (CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution): 216, 240sh.

*trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]I, and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (py = pyridine). **1** (2.01 g, 2.31 mmol) was added in small portions, over a 5 min period, to 50 mL of pyridine. The pyridine was brought to its boiling point. After 10 min, small orange crystals began to precipitate. Heating was discontinued 5 min later and the solution was allowed to cool to room temperature on the hot plate. The reaction mixture was placed in a refrigerator (4 °C) and left standing for 3 h. The product was collected on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit and washed successively with 2 X 30 mL of toluene, 2 X 30 mL of diethyl ether, and 30 mL of pentane. The material was aspirated to dryness (4 h). Yield: 1.52 g, 91%. UV-vis,  $\lambda_{\max}$  in nm (CH<sub>3</sub>OH solution): 345, 427.

Conversion to the hexafluorophosphate salt was accomplished as follows. *Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]I (700 mg, 1.06 mmol) was dissolved in 12 mL of chloroform in a 125-mL Erlenmeyer flask. Approximately 1.0 g (2.6 mmol) [Bu<sub>4</sub>N][PF<sub>6</sub>] was dissolved in 5 mL

of chloroform and added to the first solution. An orange precipitate formed immediately upon mixing. The slurry was stirred for an additional 10 min and the product was collected on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit and washed successively with 5 mL of chloroform, 2 X 10 mL of ethanol, 2 X 10 mL of diethyl ether and 2 X 10 mL of pentane. After aspirating to dryness (1 h) the yield was 490 mg, 68%. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{20}N_4F_6O_2PRe$ : C, 35.35; H, 2.97; N, 8.24. Found: C, 34.96; H, 2.92; N, 8.25.  $^1H$  NMR ( $\delta$ ,  $CD_3CN$ ) shift (mult., int., assign.): 9.03 (d;  $J = 7$  Hz, 2H, *o*-H); 7.77 (m, 1H, *p*-H); 7.47 (m, 2H, *m*-H). UV-vis,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm ( $\epsilon$ ,  $M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ),  $CH_3CN$  solution: 248 (17,000); 279 (4,200); 352 (22,000); 418 (2,000). IR ( $\nu_{asym} ReO_2$ ):  $816\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

***trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-Phpy)<sub>4</sub>]I, and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-Phpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (4-Phpy = 4-phenylpyridine).** **1** (200 mg, 0.23 mmol) and 4-phenylpyridine (710 mg, 4.57 mmol) were placed in a 25-mL round-bottomed flask. About 5 mL of methanol was added and the pale orange suspension was stirred. As the solution was heated to reflux, a deep orange color developed and an orange solid began to precipitate. The mixture was refluxed for 15 min, cooled to room temperature and then placed in a refrigerator for 4 h. The orange solid was collected on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit and washed successively with 3 X 10 mL of diethyl ether, 10 mL of toluene, 2 X 10 mL of pentane, and then aspirated to dryness. Yield : 120 mg, 54 %. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{44}H_{36}N_4IO_2Re$ : C, 54.71; H, 3.76; N, 5.80. Found: C, 54.96; H, 4.15; N, 5.05.  $^1H$  NMR ( $\delta$ ,  $CDCl_3$ ) shift (mult., int., assign.): 9.21 (d;  $J = 7$  Hz, 2H, *o*-H); 7.59 (m, 7H, *m*-H and  $C_6H_5$ ). UV-vis,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm ( $\epsilon$ ,  $M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ),  $CH_3OH$  solution: 269 (62,000); 371 (41,000).

Metathesis to the hexafluorophosphate salt was accomplished as follows. The iodide salt (105 mg) was dissolved in 100 mL of methanol and filtered by gravity (Whatman #1 filter paper). To this yellow-orange solution, 100 mg of  $[NH_4][PF_6]$  was added and the solution was vigorously stirred. Within 2 min, a precipitate began forming. The mixture was placed in a refrigerator for 4 h to encourage further precipitation. The product was collected, washed successively with 2 X 15 mL of cold (4 °C) methanol, 2 X 15 mL of

toluene, 2 X 15 mL of diethyl ether, 2 X 15 mL of pentane, and then aspirated to dryness. Yield: 55 mg, 51 %. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{44}H_{36}N_4F_6O_2PRe$ : C, 53.71; H, 3.69; N, 5.69. Found: C, 51.47; H, 3.77; N, 5.44.  $^1H$  NMR ( $\delta$ ,  $CD_3CN$ ) shift (mult., int., assign.): 9.12 (d;  $J = 7$  Hz, 2H, *o*-H); 7.66 (m, 7H, *m*-H and  $C_6H_5$ ). UV-vis,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm ( $\epsilon$ ,  $M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ),  $CH_3CN$  solution: 266 (56,000); 383 (37,000).

***trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pic)<sub>4</sub>]I, and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pic)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (4-pic = 4-methylpyridine).** **1** (410 mg, 0.47 mmol) was combined with 4-picoline (4-methylpyridine) in a 25-mL round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condensor. Approximately 5 mL of methanol was added. A deep orange solution developed immediately upon mixing. The mixture was refluxed for 30 min. A small sample was examined by UV-visible spectroscopy; absorption band energies indicated the reaction had gone to completion. To ensure complete conversion, the mixture was refluxed for an additional 30 min and then allowed to cool to room temperature. Toluene (10 mL) was added and the solution volume reduced (rotary evaporation) until precipitate began forming (*ca.* 5 mL total volume). The reaction mixture was placed in a freezer (-10 °C) and allowed to stand overnight. The following morning, the mother liquor was separated from the precipitate using a Pasteur pipette. The residue was washed successively with 2 X 15 mL of toluene, 2 X 15 mL of diethyl ether, and 2 X 15 mL of pentane. The solid was dried on a rotary evaporator for 30 min at 50 °C (aspirator vacuum). Yield: 275 mg, 82%. UV-vis,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm ( $CH_3OH$  solution): 339, 433.

Conversion to the hexafluorophosphate salt was accomplished as follows. *Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pic)<sub>4</sub>]I (150 mg, 0.21 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of methanol and filtered by gravity (Whatman #1 filter paper). [NH<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (360 mg, 2.2 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of methanol and filtered by gravity into the first solution. Beautiful orange microcrystals began forming within 5 min of mixing. Approximately 4 drops of free 4-picoline were added to the solution. The flask was then covered with aluminum foil and allowed to stand undisturbed in a fumehood. After waiting 4.5 h, the orange microcrystals

were filtered off (Büchner funnel) and washed briefly with small portions (*ca.* 5 mL) of diethyl ether, and pentane. After aspirating to dryness, the yield was 100 mg, 65%. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{24}H_{28}N_4F_6O_2Re$ : C, 39.18; H, 3.84; N, 7.62. Found: C, 39.17; H, 3.93; N, 7.53.  $^1H$  NMR ( $\delta$ , acetone- $d_6$ ) shift (mult., int., assign.): 8.95 (d;  $J = 7$  Hz, 2H, *o*-H); 7.42 (d;  $J = 7$  Hz, 2H, *m*-H); 2.58 (s, 3H, *p*-CH $_3$ ). UV-vis,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm ( $\epsilon$ ,  $M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ), CH $_3$ CN solution: 247 (16,000); 277 (4,400); 353 (32,000); 429 (2,000). IR ( $\nu_{asym}$  ReO $_2$ ): 820  $cm^{-1}$ .

***trans*-[ReO $_2$ (3,5-lut) $_4$ ]I, and *trans*-[ReO $_2$ (3,5-lut) $_4$ ][PF $_6$ ] (3,5-lut = 3,5-dimethylpyridine).** 1 (210 mg, 0.24 mmol) and 2 mL of methanol were combined in a 25-mL round-bottomed flask. 3,5-lutidine (3,5-dimethylpyridine) (710 mg, 6.6 mmol) was added and rinsed into the above mixture with an additional 3 mL of methanol. An orange color developed immediately upon mixing, becoming a lighter yellow-orange color after stirring for *ca.* 3 min. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 h and then allowed to cool to room temperature. Approximately 10 mL of toluene was added and the solution volume reduced (rotary evaporation) until a yellow-orange solid had precipitated (the total volume of solution was about 10 mL). The pale yellow mother liquor was removed by Pasteur pipette and the residue washed (in the flask) successively with 10 mL of toluene (this wash was also pale yellow), 2 X 10 mL of diethyl ether (colorless), and 2 X 10 mL of pentane. The solid was then aspirated to dryness on a rotary evaporator (30 min). Yield: 165 mg, 91%. UV-vis,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm (CH $_3$ OH solution): 346, 426.

Conversion to the hexafluorophosphate salt was accomplished as follows. *Trans*-[ReO $_2$ (3,5-lut) $_4$ ]I (150 mg, 0.19) was dissolved in 5 mL of methanol and filtered by gravity (Whatman #1 filter paper). [NH $_4$ ][PF $_6$ ] (410 mg, 2.5 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of methanol and filtered into the first solution. Upon mixing a small amount of orange precipitate began forming. Approximately 5 drops of free 3,5-lutidine were added, and the mixture was covered with aluminum foil and then allowed to stand undisturbed in a fumehood for two days. The yellow-orange crystals that had formed were collected on a

Büchner funnel and washed with small amounts (*ca.* 5 mL) of diethyl ether and pentane. After aspirating to dryness (1 h) the yield was 80 mg, 52%. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{28}H_{36}N_4F_6O_2PRe$ : C, 42.47; H, 4.58; N, 7.08. Found: C, 42.16; H, 4.60; N, 7.11.  $^1H$  NMR ( $\delta$ ,  $CD_3CN$ ) shift (mult., int., assign.): 8.70 (s, 2H, *o*-H); 7.37 (s, 1H, *p*-H); 2.20 (s, 6H, *m*-CH<sub>3</sub>). UV-vis,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm ( $\epsilon$ ,  $M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ),  $CH_3CN$  solution: 258 (24,000); 275 (5,700); 356 (29,000); 416 (2,100). IR ( $\nu_{asym} ReO_2$ ): 820  $cm^{-1}$ .

***trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>]I, and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (4-MeOpy = 4-methoxypyridine).** **1** (420 mg, 0.48 mmol) was combined with 4-methoxypyridine (890 mg, 8.2 mmol) in 5 mL of methanol. A dark orange solution formed initially and this became lighter orange after stirring for 5 min. This solution was refluxed for 2 h and then allowed to cool to room temperature. Toluene (10 mL) was added and the solution volume reduced by rotary evaporation until an orange product precipitated (the solution volume was about 5 mL at this point). The mixture was placed in a refrigerator to stand overnight. The solid was collected on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit, then washed successively with 3 X 15 mL of toluene, 3 X 15 mL of diethyl ether, and 3 X 15 mL of pentane. The material was aspirated to dryness (1 h). Yield : 290 mg, 75%. UV-vis,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm ( $CH_3OH$  solution): 334, 452.

Conversion to the hexafluorophosphate salt was accomplished as follows. *Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>]I (160 mg, 0.2 mole) was dissolved in 20 mL of 50% aqueous methanol and filtered by gravity. The filter paper was rinsed with 2 mL of distilled water. [NH<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (190 mg, 1.2 mmol) was added to the filtrate and a bright yellow solid immediately precipitated. The mixture was left to stand for 10 min to ensure complete precipitation. The solid was collected on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit, washed successively with 2 X 15 mL of distilled water, 3 X 15 mL of toluene, 3 X 15 mL of diethyl ether, 3 X 15 mL of pentane, and then aspirated to dryness. Recrystallization from acetone-hexane mixtures gave yellow-orange needles. These were dried at room temperature *in vacuo* (<10<sup>-3</sup> torr) overnight. Yield : 115 mg, 70%. Anal. Calcd for

$\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4\text{F}_6\text{O}_6\text{PRe}$ : C, 36.05; H, 3.53; N, 7.01. Found: C, 35.66; H, 3.44; N, 6.96.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\delta$ ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) shift (mult., int., assign.): 8.74 (d;  $J = 7$  Hz, 2H, *o*-H); 6.99 (d;  $J = 7$  Hz, 2H, *m*-H); 3.94 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ). UV-vis,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  in nm ( $\epsilon$ ,  $\text{M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ ), in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution: 227 (33,000); 281 (6,800); 347 (27,000); 438 (1,500). IR ( $\nu_{\text{asym ReO}_2}$ ): 810  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

***trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>]I, and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (3-Medmap= 3-methyl-4-dimethylaminopyridine).** **1** (420 mg, 0.48) was rinsed into a 25-mL round-bottomed flask with 2 mL of methanol. 3-methyl-4-dimethylaminopyridine (960 mg, 7.1 mmol) was added, followed by an additional 8 mL of methanol. In less than 1 min, all of the starting complex dissolved and a deep orange solution formed. The mixture was refluxed for 90 min and then allowed to cool to room temperature. Toluene (10 mL) was added and the total solution volume reduced to 3 mL, at which point a large amount of rust-colored precipitate had formed. Toluene (10 mL) was again added and the slurry allowed to stand for 1 h. The product was collected on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit and washed successively with 4 X 10 mL of toluene, 5 X 10 mL of diethyl ether, 2 X 10 mL of pentane and then aspirated to dryness (30 min). Yield: 385 mg, 94%. UV-vis,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  in nm ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  solution): 342, 473.

Conversion to the hexafluorophosphate salt was accomplished as follows. *Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>]I (240 mg, 0.27 mmol) was dissolved in 8 mL of methanol and filtered by gravity (Whatman #1 filter paper). [NH<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (660 mg, 4.0 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of methanol and filtered into the first solution. Immediately upon mixing a large amount of powdery rust-colored precipitate began forming. Free 3-Medmap (*ca.* 3 drops) was added and the reaction mixture covered with foil. After standing undisturbed in a fumehood for 2 days, the product was collected on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit and washed with small amounts (*ca.* 5 mL) of diethyl ether and pentane; it was then aspirated to dryness (1 h). Yield: 155 mg, 63%. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_8\text{F}_6\text{O}_2\text{PRe}$ : C, 42.33; H, 5.33; N, 12.34. Found: C, 42.78; H, 5.30; N, 12.71.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\delta$ ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

shift (mult., int., assign.): 8.36 (d;  $J = 7$  Hz, 1H, *o*-H); 8.28 (s, 1H, *o*-H); 6.63 (d;  $J = 7$  Hz, 1H, *m*-H); 2.98 (s, 6H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); 2.20 (s, 3H, *m*-CH<sub>3</sub>). UV-vis,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  in nm ( $\epsilon$ , M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>), CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution: 280 (38,000); 363 (42,000); 455 (2,600). IR ( $\nu_{\text{asym}}$ , ReO<sub>2</sub>): 810 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

***trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>]I** (dmap = 4-dimethylaminopyridine). **1** (0.5 g, 0.57 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (860 mg, 7.0 mmol) were placed in a 50-mL round-bottomed flask. Approximately 10 mL of methanol was added; stirring gave a deep yellow-brown solution. This was brought to reflux. After heating for 10 min, the color changed to a deep red-brown color and a small amount of precipitate appeared. A sample of the crude reaction mixture was examined by UV-visible spectroscopy; the positions of the absorption bands in the spectrum suggested the reaction was complete. Refluxing was continued an additional 25 min to ensure that a complete reaction had occurred. The heating was stopped and the reaction mixture allowed to cool to room temperature. The product was collected on a coarse-porosity sintered-glass frit and washed successively with 3 X 15 mL of toluene, 3 X 15 mL of diethyl ether, 2 X 15 mL of pentane and then aspirated to dryness (1 h). Yield: 290 mg. Toluene (10 mL) was added to the filtrate and solution taken to near dryness by rotary evaporation; another portion of toluene (10 mL) was then added. The mother liquor was removed by Pasteur pipette and the solid washed as before. Yield: 120 mg. The combined yield of product was 410 mg, 86%. UV-vis,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  in nm (MeOH solution): 332, 483.

***trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]**. This compound was prepared directly from **1**, without isolation of the intermediate iodide salt, as described below. **1** (410 mg, 0.47 mmol) was combined with 4-dimethylaminopyridine (820 mg, 6.7 mmol) in 30 mL of methanol. A dirty orange solution formed upon mixing and this was refluxed for 12 h. The reaction mixture was cooled and filtered by gravity (Whatman #1 filter paper). [NH<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (230 mg, 1.4 mmol) was added to the filtrate. Immediately after addition of the [NH<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], a rust colored precipitate began forming. The rust colored slurry was



placed in a refrigerator (4 °C) for 2 hours to ensure complete precipitation. The product was collected, washed successively with 2 X 10 mL of cold (4 °C) methanol, 3 X 30 mL of diethyl ether, 2 X 20 mL of pentane and then aspirated to dryness (1 h). The solid was transferred to a vial and dried *in vacuo* at 90 °C for 4 hours. Yield 325 mg, 81%. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{28}H_{40}N_8F_6O_2PRe$ : C, 39.48; H, 4.73; N, 13.15. Found: C, 39.53; H, 4.70; N, 12.78.  $^1H$  NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO- $d_6$ ) shift (mult., int., assign.): 8.24 (d; J = 7 Hz, 2H, *o*-H); 6.68 (d; J = 7 Hz; 2H, *m*-H); 3.30 (s, 6H,  $N(CH_3)_2$ ). UV-vis,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm ( $\epsilon$ ,  $M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ),  $CH_3CN$  solution: 272 (47,000); 358 (37,000); 462 (2,300). IR ( $\nu_{asym} ReO_2$ ): 800  $cm^{-1}$ .

***trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrppy)<sub>4</sub>]I, and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrppy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (4-pyrppy = 4-pyrrolidinopyridine).** 1 (1.00 g, 1.15 mmol) and 4-pyrrolidinopyridine (2.20 g, 14.8 mmol) were combined with 10 mL of methanol. Immediately upon mixing, a deep orange-brown solution was obtained. After stirring about 10 min, an orange-brown solid began precipitating. The reaction slurry was then refluxed for about 1 hr, cooled to room temperature and placed in a refrigerator to stand overnight. The precipitate was collected on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit and washed successively with 3 X 15 mL of toluene, 3 X 15 mL of diethyl ether and 2 X 15 mL of pentane. The product was then aspirated to dryness. Yield: 920 mg, 85%. UV-vis,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm (MeOH solution): 335, 490.

Conversion to the hexafluorophosphate salt was accomplished as follows. *Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrppy)<sub>4</sub>]I was dissolved in a minimum volume of 2:1 (v/v) methanol/acetone and then 2-3 equivalents of [NH<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] were added. The material obtained was then washed successively with 2 X 7 mL of cold (4° C) methanol, 2 X 15 mL of toluene, 2 X 15 mL of diethyl ether and 2 X 15 mL of pentane. The product was aspirated to dryness. Yields were typically 50% or greater. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{36}H_{48}N_8F_6O_2PRe$ : C, 45.23; H, 5.06; N, 11.72. Found: C, 45.02; H, 5.24; N, 11.59.  $^1H$  NMR ( $\delta$ ,  $CD_2Cl_2$ ) shift (mult., int., assign.): 8.31 (d; J = 7 Hz, 2H, *o*-H); 6.34 (d; J = 7 Hz, 2H, *m*-H); 3.36 (m, 4H,

N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.00 (m, 4H, N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)). UV-vis,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  in nm ( $\epsilon$ , M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>), CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution: 273 (52,000); 353 (42,000); 465 (2,600). IR ( $\nu_{\text{asym}}$  ReO<sub>2</sub>): 798 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

***trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(en)<sub>2</sub>]I. 1** (210 mg, 0.24 mmol) and 10 mL of methanol were combined in a 50-mL round-bottomed flask. To this purple slurry, 340 mg (5.7 mmol, 24 equiv) of ethylenediamine and another 10 mL of methanol were added. In less than 2 min, all of the purple solid disappeared and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(en)<sub>2</sub>]I began to settle out. The pale yellow slurry was stirred for 15 min to ensure complete reaction. The precipitate was collected on a coarse-porosity sintered-glass frit, washed with 3 X 15 mL of diethyl ether, and aspirated to dryness. Yield: 90 mg, 80%. UV-vis,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  in nm (*rel inten*), H<sub>2</sub>O solution: 254(vs); 280(sh); 440(w). IR ( $\nu_{\text{asym}}$  ReO<sub>2</sub>): 815 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

***trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(en)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>].** This compound could not be obtained from metathesis of the iodide salt. Therefore a route using a complex containing the PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> counterion was developed.

*Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (440 mg, 0.65 mmol) was dissolved in 50 mL of methanol in a 125-mL Erlenmeyer flask. Ethylenediamine (2.25 g, 37.3 mmol, 57 equiv) was added and the mixture then brought to reflux. After 40 min, a large amount of pale yellow precipitate formed and the solution developed a purple color. Toluene (30 mL) was added to induce precipitation. The solid was collected on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit and washed successively with 3 X 30 mL of diethyl ether, 2 X 15 mL of pentane and then aspirated to dryness (15 min). Yield: 130 mg, 42%. UV-vis,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  in nm (*rel inten*), H<sub>2</sub>O solution: 254(vs); 275(sh); 439(w).

***trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]I.** This complex was prepared using *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]I according to the literature procedure.<sup>7</sup> Yield based upon 105 mg of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]I: 60 mg, 60%. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>3</sub>IO<sub>2</sub>Pre: C, 46.92; H, 3.58; N, 4.97. Found: C, 46.75; H, 3.70; N, 5.01. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$  CDCl<sub>3</sub>, zero ref 1% Me<sub>4</sub>Si) shift (mult., int., assign.):  $\delta$  9.00 (d; J = 7 Hz; 2H, *o*-H on py *trans* to PPh<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$  8.75 (d; J = 7 Hz, 4H, *o*-H on py *cis* to PPh<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$  7.00 - 8.00 (m, 24H, all remaining H). <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR:  $\delta$  -1.7 (s).

UV-vis,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  in nm: 335 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH solution); 341 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution). IR ( $\nu_{\text{asym}}$  ReO<sub>2</sub>): 815 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

***trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(diphos)<sub>2</sub>]I** (diphos = 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane).

There are four possible routes to this compound. The first two were developed by Freni in 1969 and are fully documented elsewhere.<sup>7,16</sup> Two alternative routes are described below.

Method 1. **1** (330mg, 0.35 mmol) and diphos (330 mg, 0.75 mmol) were placed in 10 mL of methanol. Neither reagent dissolved in this medium. The suspension was brought to reflux. After heating for 45 min, the solution was a rosé-red and a cream colored solid had precipitated. This mixture was refluxed overnight (12 h). After cooling to room temperature, the solid was collected by filtration on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit and washed successively with 3 X 15 mL of diethyl ether, 2 X 15 mL of pentane and then aspirated to dryness (1 h). Yield: 175 mg, 44%. (The yield is limited by the formation of an unidentified red side product.)

Method 2. *Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]I (105 mg, 0.16 mmol) and diphos (105 mg, 0.16 mmol) were placed in 10 mL of acetone. The mixture was brought to reflux. After heating for 1.75 h, a light yellow solid began to precipitate and the heating was discontinued. The solution was left to cool overnight. The following morning, the light yellow solid was collected by filtration on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit and washed successively with 3 X 10 mL of diethyl ether, 10 mL of pentane and then aspirated to dryness. Yield: 105 mg, 76%.

***trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(diphos)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]**. A reflux condensor, with attached gas inlet, was fitted to a 50-mL three-necked round-bottomed flask. The apparatus was thoroughly flushed with argon and then diphos (920 mg, 2.3 mmol) and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (150 mg, 0.22 mmol) were added. Deoxygenated acetone (10 mL) was added by syringe. The reaction assembly was momentarily swept out with argon gas and then kept under a slight positive pressure of argon. The white and orange slurry was refluxed overnight. The following morning (10 h later) the bright yellow solution was cooled to room temperature.

A white solid had precipitated (excess diphos) and was removed by filtration through a coarse-porosity sintered-glass frit; it was washed with 2 X 10 mL of acetone and the washings added to the filtrate. Toluene (20 mL) was added and the solution volume reduced by rotary evaporation until a yellow solid began forming. The mother liquor (colorless) was removed by Pasteur pipette and the residue washed successively with 2 X 15 mL of toluene, 2 X 15 mL of diethyl ether, 2 X 15 mL of pentane and then taken to dryness by rotary evaporation (aspirator vacuum, 30 min). Yield: 200 mg (mono-toluene adduct), 72%. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{59}H_{56}F_6P_5O_2Re$ : C, 56.59; H, 4.51. Found: C, 56.77; H, 4.55.  $^1H$  NMR ( $\delta$ ,  $CD_3CN$ ) shift (mult., int., assign.): 7.04 (m, 20H, 4 X  $C_6H_5$ ); 2.60 (t;  $^2J_{PH} + ^3J_{PH} = 7$  Hz, 4H,  $CH_2CH_2$ ).<sup>17</sup> UV-vis,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm,  $CH_3CN$  solution; 220sh, 257. IR ( $\nu_{asym} ReO_2$ ):  $780\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

***trans*-[ $ReO_2(dppen)_2$ ][ $PF_6$ ] (*dppen* = 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethene).** A reflux condensor with attached gas inlet was fitted to a 25-mL three-necked round-bottomed flask. This was charged with *dppen* (900 mg, 2.3 mmol) and *trans*-[ $ReO_2(py)_4$ ] $PF_6$  (150 mg, 0.22 mmol). The assembly was flushed with argon gas and then 10 mL of deoxygenated acetone was introduced by syringe. After warming for 10 min, the white-orange slurry became a homogeneous orange solution. The mixture was refluxed under argon for 4.5 h and then cooled to room temperature. The green-yellow solid that had precipitated was collected on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit and washed successively with 2 X 10 mL of acetone (this dissolved some colorless crystals that had co-precipitated), 2 X 15 mL of diethyl ether, 2 X 15 mL of pentane and then aspirated to dryness (40 min). Yield: 155 mg, 61%. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{52}H_{44}F_6P_5O_2Re$ : C, 54.03; H, 3.84. Found: C, 54.54; H, 3.84.  $^1H$  NMR ( $\delta$ ,  $CD_3CN/CDCl_3$ ) 7.24 (m) (zero ref  $Me_4Si$ ). UV-vis,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm,  $CH_3CN$  solution; 228sh, 267sh. IR ( $\nu_{asym} ReO_2$ ):  $790\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

## RESULTS

The complex  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$  is an ideal starting material for the synthesis of pyridine and amine complexes of the  $\text{ReO}_2^+$  unit. Upon addition of ligating agents, the methanol-insoluble  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$  dissolved, and orange solutions rapidly developed. Reaction mixtures were stirred at room temperature or brought to reflux to drive the reaction



to completion. Reaction progress was monitored by UV-visible spectroscopy. The energies of the MLCT and LF transitions were used to estimate the extent of the reaction; refluxes were terminated when the LF band ceased to move to lower energy. In general, the more basic pyridines required fewer excess equivalents of ligand and shorter reflux times.

The iodide salts of the complexes could be isolated by concentrating methanolic solutions or by addition of toluene and subsequent removal of the more volatile methanol solvent. Metatheses to hexafluorophosphate salts were accomplished using  $[\text{NH}_4][\text{PF}_6]$  in methanol, aqueous methanol, or methanol/acetone mixtures. Complexes of the form *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2\text{L}_4]^+$  could be made from the following pyridines: 4-dimethylaminopyridine (dmap), 3-methyl-4-dimethylaminopyridine (3-Medmap), 4-pyrrolidinopyridine (4-pyrppy), 4-methoxypyridine (4-MeOpy), 3,5-lutidine (3,5-lut), 4-picoline (4-pic), and 4-phenylpyridine (4-Phpy). For pyridine and less basic derivatives, the method was not successful. Solvolysis reactions and competition for coordination sites from the displaced triphenylphosphine became significant side reactions.

All of the tetrapyridine complexes synthesized were unstable in solution with respect to ligand loss. This occurred over hours (pyridine) or several days (dmap) and was readily evident from the appearance of multiple signals in the region  $\delta 8.2$  to  $\delta 9.2$  of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra. In general, this instability became more pronounced (1) in polar coordinating

solvents (*e.g.*, DMSO), (2) in the presence of coordinating anions ( $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{I}^-$ ), and (3) as the basicity of the ligand decreased. To suppress this reaction, traces of free ligand were added to solutions left standing for extended periods.

Complexes of saturated amines could also be obtained from  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$ . The compound *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2]\text{I}$  could be prepared in 80% yield in less than 15 minutes at room temperature:



As had been noted previously,<sup>7,16</sup>  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$  could also be used to synthesize phosphine complexes.

$\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$  was not always the starting material of choice. Reactions with ligands that did not have appreciable solubility in methanol did not proceed efficiently. In preparations that were exposed to air, the reaction<sup>7,18</sup>



was likely competitive. The above reaction also became relevant for reactions conducted in solvents that appreciably dissolved  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$ . For these reasons, *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]\text{I}$  was a superior starting material to prepare the complexes *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_3(\text{PPh}_3)]\text{I}$  and *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{diphos})_2]\text{I}$ .

There were also occasional difficulties in metathesizing the iodide salts of some complexes to their hexafluorophosphate analogs. In these cases, it was desirable to use *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4][\text{PF}_6]$  as the starting material. Here solvent identity was not crucial and was chosen on the basis of ease of product work-up. By substitution reactions on *trans*-

[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], the compounds *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(en)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(diphos)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dppen)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] were obtained.

## DISCUSSION

**Reaction Mechanisms Relevant to the Synthetic Strategy.** The planning and execution of successful inorganic syntheses requires a thorough understanding of substitution mechanisms. A brief summary of mechanisms relevant to octahedral systems is presented below. For a more complete description, the reader should consult one of the many books<sup>4,19,20</sup> or monographs<sup>3</sup> on this topic.

From the wealth of information that has been collected on substitution reactions of octahedral centers, four mechanistic schemes have emerged. The fundamental criterion for classification is whether or not a discreet intermediate is encountered at any point along the reaction coordinate. If an intermediate of higher coordination number is involved, the mechanism is classified as associative (A); similarly, a dissociative (D) mechanism implies an intermediate with a lower coordination number. If no intermediate is detectable, the classification is intimate (I). The 'I' category is further qualified based upon the effects of the incoming ligand on substitution rate. If the rate of substitution is dependent upon the identity of the incoming ligand, this is labelled intimate-associative (I<sub>a</sub>); if independent, it is intimate-dissociative (I<sub>d</sub>).

To date there are few examples of octahedral substitutions that occur via an 'A' mechanism.<sup>20</sup> This result is not surprising on steric or electronic grounds. Formation of a seven coordinate intermediate would increase ligand congestion (*e.g.*, a bicapped pentagon would have ligands only 72° apart instead of 90° as in the octahedron). Electronically, addition of an electron pair from the incoming ligand requires a vacant, low-energy orbital. In *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>Z</sup> complexes the LUMO is the degenerate pair of d<sub>xz</sub>,d<sub>yz</sub> orbitals, which are O=Re=O π-antibonding (see Figure 1.1). This level lies to considerably higher

energy than the  $d_{xy}$  HOMO;  $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L})_4]^Z$  complexes can only be reduced at very negative potentials.<sup>21,22</sup>

There have been several investigations of both oxo<sup>23-25</sup> and ancillary ligand<sup>26</sup> substitutions in  $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L})_4]^Z$  complexes. These studies suggest that a D mechanism may be operative. For  $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{amine})_4]^+$ , the rate of amine exchange is described by the following rate expression:<sup>26</sup>

$$R = k_0[\text{complex}] + k_1[\text{OH}^-][\text{complex}] \quad (6)$$

The first term is due to loss of ligand from the complex; the second term is the result of a conjugate base mechanism ( $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1\text{-cb}$ ) and is absent when no ionizable protons are available on the amine (*e.g.*, pyridine). The role of hydroxide ion is to deprotonate the amine group to form a coordinated amide. The strong *trans*-effect of this ligand results in expulsion of the *trans*- $\text{NH}_2$  group and the formation of a five coordinate species.

The existence of  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$  as a stable solid<sup>5</sup> suggests that five coordinate  $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L})_3]^Z$  complexes are reasonable to propose. A complex with the formulation  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_2\text{I}$  has been reported<sup>7</sup> but has not been completely characterized. Additional support for this intermediate has recently appeared from the results of synthetic methods developed by Hupp and co-workers.<sup>27,28</sup> This group found that mixed ligand complexes *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py-X})_2(\text{py-Y})_2]^+$  could be obtained from reactions of pyridine ligands with  $\text{Re}(\text{OEt})(\text{py})_2\text{I}_2$  in wet alcohol. These workers propose<sup>27,28</sup> the intermediacy of  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_2\text{I}$ , formed from the hydrolysis of  $\text{Re}(\text{OEt})(\text{py})_2\text{I}_2$ . Experimental results suggest that  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_2\text{I}$  may also have a *cis* disposition of oxo ligands, implying that upon ligand loss, the *trans*- $\text{ReO}_2^+$  core isomerizes to yield a *cis*- $\text{ReO}_2^+$  unit. For this to occur prior to ligand attack, the five coordinate intermediate would have to have a considerable lifetime.



From the above analyses, it is clear why both  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$  and  $\text{trans}-[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^+$  are good starting materials for the synthesis of  $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L})_4]^Z$  complexes. Substitutions with  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$  likely proceed stepwise as shown in Figure 2.1.

$\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$  is completely insoluble in methanol. When a potentially ligating species, L, is added, the solid is consumed in seconds, suggesting steps 1, 2 and 3 in Figure 2.1 are very fast. The orange color of the solutions, early in the course of the reaction, also suggest that steps 4 and 5 are rapid;  $\text{trans}-[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]^+$  is yellow while  $\text{trans}-[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_3(\text{PPh}_3)]^+$  is orange-yellow in color. Substitution of the last triphenylphosphine ligand appears to be much slower than the previous steps.

Substitution reactions of  $\text{trans}-[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^+$  could occur by a related mechanism. For example, the generation of  $\text{trans}-[\text{ReO}_2(\text{diphos})_2]^+$  might proceed as in Figure 2.2. Upon substitution of one pyridine ligand by one arm of diphos, a second substitution of pyridine would rapidly follow due to the chelate effect. The rate-limiting step would be the introduction of the first  $\text{PPh}_2$  group into the coordination sphere. The lability of the pyridine ligands in  $\text{trans}-[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^+$  has been noted previously<sup>8-14</sup> and alkylating agents such as  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  or  $\text{Me}_2\text{SO}_4$  have been used to make the loss of pyridine irreversible.<sup>10</sup>

Syntheses employing  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$  work well for very basic or chelating ligands. Complexes containing electron-poor pyridines cannot be isolated in pure form using  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$  for two reasons: (1) As the pyridine ligand becomes less basic,  $\text{PPh}_3$  competes more effectively for a coordination position, that is, the equilibria

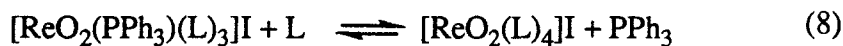
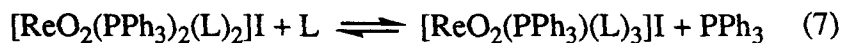


Figure 2.1. Reaction mechanism likely for substitution reactions employing  $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{I}$ .

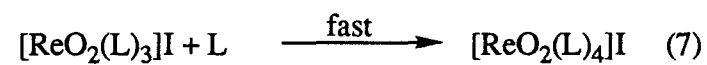
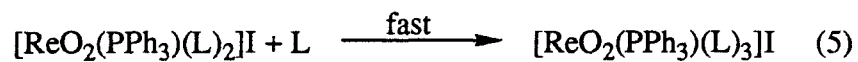
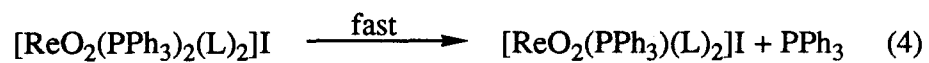
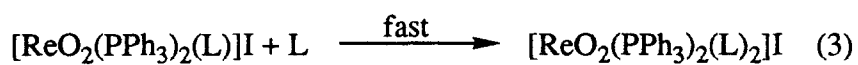
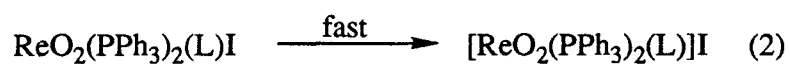
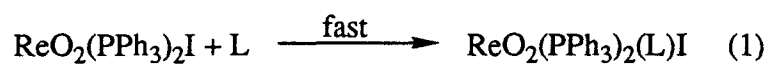
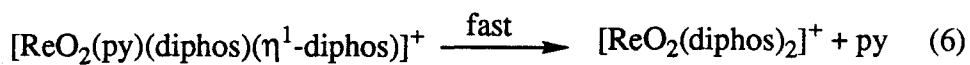
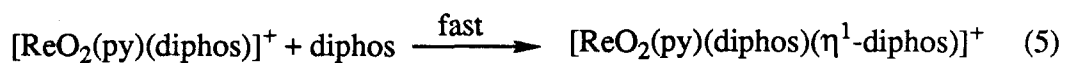
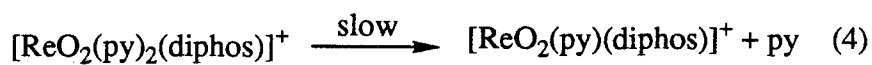
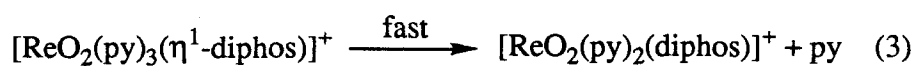
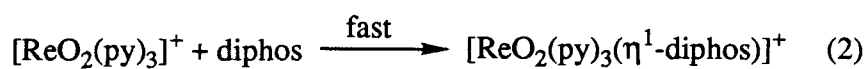
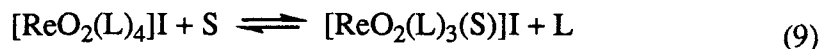


Figure 2.2. Reaction mechanism likely for substitution reactions employing *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^+$ .





In aqueous solutions of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]Cl, this reaction is known to proceed (25 °C) with a half-life of several days.<sup>24</sup> Thus, *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]I can be cleanly synthesized from neat pyridine but not from methanol solutions containing up to 40 equivalents of pyridine.

## CONCLUSIONS

The complex ReO<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>I can be used to insert the *trans*-ReO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> unit into coordination environments containing pyridine or saturated amine ligands. The complex *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> is an alternative material that is useful when the former does not give satisfactory results. Our results and the studies of others<sup>28,29</sup> suggest these substitution reactions proceed via a series of dissociative steps involving reactive five-coordinate intermediates. Recent research completed on analogous technetium complexes is consistent with this hypothesis.<sup>30-32</sup>

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**Chapter 3.**  
**Ground and Excited-State Properties of *trans*-Dioxorhenium(V) Complexes**  
**as a Function of Ancillary Ligand Identity.\***

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## INTRODUCTION

Organic chemists have frequently used systematic substituent studies to elucidate the mechanism of organic reactions. Linear free-energy relationships, such as the Hammett correlation, often characterize the nature of the transition state in both redox<sup>1</sup> and acid-base transformations.<sup>2,3</sup> Using the large amount of experimental data available from organic studies, substituent effects can be resolved into  $\sigma$  and  $\pi$  contributions. These organic chemistry concepts can be readily applied to inorganic systems,<sup>4</sup> and in many cases, a more thorough understanding of the electronic structure and bonding in coordination compounds can be obtained.

In this chapter, the effects of ancillary ligand identity on the ground and excited-state properties of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes are examined. The focus is on a series of substituted pyridine compounds, because electronic modulation of this ligand family is facile. The studies presented in this chapter use ligand basicity as a measure of donor strength towards metal centers. For heterocycles, the pK<sub>a</sub> of the corresponding conjugate acid is the operative parameter. Differences in pK<sub>a</sub> values between ligands can arise from variations in solvent and temperature for independent determinations. For this reason, most correlations in this section have been made with the parameter  $\Delta$ pK<sub>a</sub>, as defined below:<sup>5</sup>

$$\Delta\text{pK}_a = \text{pK}_a(\text{py}) - \text{pK}_a(\text{py-X}) \quad (1)$$

In each case, the pK<sub>a</sub> of both pyridine itself<sup>6</sup> and the derivative in question, have been determined independently in the same medium under identical conditions.

The estimation of ligand donating strength from basicity values has received some criticism by others.<sup>7</sup> The results in this chapter will demonstrate, however, that this approximation is valid when comparisons are made among ligands in the same heterocycle family.

Substitutions *ortho* to the ring nitrogen would be expected to alter drastically binding properties because of steric interactions with the oxo groups of *trans*-ReO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>. Thus, in order to study the effects due to electronic changes only, pyridine ligands substituted in the 3, 4 or 5 position were employed. This still permits extensive electronic tuning; the tabulation of  $\Delta pK_a$  values compiled by Swada *et al.*<sup>5</sup> shows that pyridine basicity can be varied over 9 orders of magnitude, from the very electron-poor 3,5-dichloropyridine ( $\Delta pK_a = 4.44$ ) to the electron-rich 4-dimethylaminopyridine ( $\Delta pK_a = -4.36$ ).

By examining the series of pyridine complexes using classical physical methods, we will obtain a more complete description of the electronic structure and bonding present in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> compounds. In order to determine the effects of changing the nature of the ligating atom, we will also briefly examine the properties of some related phosphine complexes.

## EXPERIMENTAL

**Materials.** All chemicals were either of reagent grade or the best grade commercially available and used as received. Tetra-*n*-butylammonium hexafluorophosphate, TBAH, was prepared as described below. Methylviologen hexafluorophosphate,<sup>8</sup> [MV][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, and *tris*-(bipyridyl)ruthenium(II) hexafluorophosphate,<sup>9</sup> [Ru(bipy)<sub>3</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, were generous gifts of Dr. M. Heinrichs-Zietlow. For electrochemical experiments, dichloromethane and acetonitrile (EM, OMNISOLV) were freshly distilled from calcium hydride before use. Acetonitrile (Burdick and Jackson) was used as received for UV-vis experiments; for emission measurements this solvent was degassed with five freeze-pump-thaw cycles on a high-vacuum line (<10<sup>-3</sup> torr), dried, and stored under vacuum over activated<sup>10-12</sup> 3 Å sieves (Strem Chemicals).

**Syntheses.** *Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>. The syntheses of these complexes are described in the previous chapter.

**Tetra-*n*-butylammonium hexafluorophosphate (TBAH).** Sixty milliliters of concd HPF<sub>6</sub> (60-65%) was carefully diluted with 80 mL of distilled water and set aside. A 5% NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution was prepared by dissolving 25 g of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> in 500 mL of distilled water. Sixty grams of tetra-*n*-butylammonium bromide, TBABr, was dissolved in 200 mL of distilled water, and the solution was filtered by gravity (Whatman #1 filter paper) into a 500-mL Erlenmeyer flask. The 140-mL HPF<sub>6</sub> solution was placed in a 250-mL addition funnel and added slowly, with rapid stirring, to the TBABr solution. After the addition was complete, a heavy white precipitate formed; this was difficult to stir magnetically. Water (80 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred manually with a glass rod. Due to the large volume of material produced, the product was collected in several portions on a coarse-porosity sintered-glass frit. Each portion was washed with 3 X 100 mL of distilled water followed by 75 mL portions of 5% NaHCO<sub>3</sub> until the washings were neutral to litmus paper. The product was then washed with an additional 5 X 100 mL of distilled water. (All waste solutions in this preparation were neutralized with solid NaHCO<sub>3</sub> before disposal.) The resulting paste was aspirated on the frit for at least 1 h and then spread out on a watch glass, covered with a large piece of filter paper (Whatman #1), and left to dry overnight in an efficient fumehood. The following morning, the crude product was twice recrystallized (in smaller batches) from absolute alcohol. The large needles obtained were crushed and dried *in vacuo* (<10<sup>-3</sup> torr) at 80 °C for 6 h. In a typical recrystallization step, 30 g of crude TBAH yielded 25 g of purified product (after drying) from 300 mL of hot absolute alcohol.

**Physical Measurements.** Cyclic voltammetry measurements were made using a Princeton Applied Research (PAR) 173 potentiostat and a PAR 175 universal programmer. Platinum button working electrodes were prepared by polishing with 5 μm alumina, washing with water, and sonicating in 1:1 MeOH/water. Solutions were deoxygenated with argon purging and kept under an argon blanket during the experiment. A saturated sodium chloride calomel (SSCE) reference electrode was used in each experiment. A

platinum wire/glass joint was used to prevent water leakage from the SSCE into the cell. A platinum wire was used as the auxiliary electrode. In cyclic voltammetry experiments, solutions were 0.1 M in TBAH and approximately 1-2 mM in Re compound. The  $iR$  drop across the cell was electronically compensated by positive feedback. Ferrocene (Fc), decamethylferrocene (\*Fc), or methylviologen ( $MV^{2+}$ ) was used as an internal redox standard in these experiments. Under the given experimental conditions, the ferricenium/ferrocene couple ( $Fc^+/Fc$ ) occurred at 0.42 V and 0.51 V (vs. SSCE) in acetonitrile and dichloromethane, respectively. The decamethylferricenium/decamethylferrocene couple (\* $Fc^+/*Fc$ ) was at -0.55 V vs.  $Fc^+/Fc$  in 0.1 M TBAH  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution. The two reduction waves for  $[MV][PF_6]_2$  were found at -0.83 and -1.25 V vs.  $Fc^+/Fc$  in 0.1 M TBAH  $CH_3CN$  solution.

Bulk electrolysis experiments were conducted at a Pt gauze working electrode using the PAR 173 potentiostat equipped with a digital coulometer. The bulk electrolysis cell was a two-compartment cell fitted with an argon inlet and a Pt wire/glass joint for holding the SSCE reference electrode. Argon flow and stirring were continual throughout the experiment. The digital coulometry was not corrected for solvent electrolysis because of the short duration of the experiments and the moderate potentials involved.

**Spectroscopy.** Background-corrected electronic absorption spectra were obtained using a Shimadzu UV-260 recording spectrometer or a Cary Model 14 Spectrophotometer that had been rebuilt by On-Line Instruments Service (OLIS). Quartz cells of 1-cm pathlength were used in all cases. Extinction coefficients of the ligand-field (LF) transitions were determined from solutions that were 0.2-0.5 mM in Re complex; these were diluted by 1/25 to examine the more intense MLCT transitions. Free-ligand absorption spectra were measured on solutions that had absorbances  $< 2.5$ . The concentrations of these solutions were not determined. Luminescence spectra were recorded on an instrument constructed at Caltech that has been described previously.<sup>13</sup> The spectrometer response was determined with a calibrated tungsten filament lamp, and spectra

were corrected for this response by the method of Drushel, Sommers, and Cox.<sup>14</sup> The corrected spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_3]\text{Cl}_2$  agreed with that reported in the literature,<sup>15,16</sup> verifying that the correction routine was being properly applied. Solution samples were prepared under vacuum in a 10-mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a side-arm 1-cm fluorescence cuvette<sup>17</sup> and were rigorously degassed with no fewer than five freeze-pump-thaw cycles. Unless noted otherwise, all measurements were conducted at room temperature. An excitation wavelength of 436 nm was used for the tetrapyridine complexes and *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_3(\text{PPh}_3)]\text{I}$ . The emission spectra of *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{diphos})_2]\text{PF}_6$  and *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dppen})_2]\text{PF}_6$  were measured in the solid state using 366-nm excitation. The absolute luminescence quantum yield for *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_3(\text{PPh}_3)]\text{I}$  was determined by the method of Demas and Crosby.<sup>18</sup> The absorbance of the solution was less than 0.1 (1-cm pathlength cell) at the 436-nm excitation wavelength used. The quantum yield standard was  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_3]\text{Cl}_2$  (Aldrich Chemical Co.) in water (NANOpure), which has a reported quantum yield of 0.042 using a 436-nm excitation wavelength.<sup>16</sup> Luminescence lifetimes were measured with a Quanta Ray DCR Nd-YAG laser system.<sup>19</sup> Solution samples were prepared in a cell<sup>17</sup> identical to that used for collecting luminescence spectra.

Transient-absorption spectra (TA) of *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(4\text{-Phpy})_4]\text{PF}_6$ , *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(4\text{-MeOpy})_4]\text{PF}_6$ , *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(3\text{-Medmap})_4]\text{PF}_6$  and *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dmap})_4]\text{PF}_6$  were kindly measured by Dr. I-Jy Chang at Brookhaven National Laboratory using an apparatus that has been previously described.<sup>20</sup> Data were collected from dry, degassed acetonitrile solutions of the complexes. Samples were excited at 355 nm. Excited-state lifetimes were determined by monitoring the recovery of the ground-state MLCT bleach and/or the decay of new absorptions (both for at least 4 half-lives). Transient spectra were recorded point-by-point and correspond to optical density changes ( $\Delta \text{O.D.}$ ) at time zero relative to the excitation pulse.

Infrared spectra were recorded as Nujol mulls on a Beckman IR 4240 spectrometer with internal calibration or on a Perkin-Elmer 1600 Series FTIR spectrometer.

## RESULTS

**Electrochemistry.** All *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> pyridine complexes exhibit a single reversible oxidation wave within the limits of the solvent. The square-root dependence of anodic peak current on scan rate (varied from 20 – 500 mV s<sup>-1</sup>) suggested that in addition to being reversible, the oxidative processes observed were under diffusion control.<sup>21,22</sup> Two representative cyclic voltammograms are given in Figures 3.1 and 3.2. The E<sub>1/2</sub> values measured for each complex are summarized in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1. Formal potentials of the Re(VI)/Re(V) couple for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> pyridine complexes in 0.1 M TBAH CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution.

L=	$\Delta pK_a^b$	E <sub>1/2</sub> , V vs. Fc <sup>+</sup> /Fc
py	0.00	0.95
4-Phpy	-0.14	0.87
4-pic	-0.82	0.83
3,5-lut	-0.93	0.83
4-MeOpy	-1.37	0.65
3-Medmap	-3.45	0.18
dmap	-4.36	0.10 <sup>a</sup>
4-pyrrpy	-4.36 <sup>c</sup>	0.05 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>0.1 M TBAH CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution

<sup>b</sup> $\Delta pK_a = pK_a(\text{py}) - pK_a(\text{py-X})$  for the conjugate acids of the pyridine ligands.

<sup>c</sup>The pK<sub>a</sub> of this ligand is not known. Due to the small difference in structure between 4-pyrrpy and dmap, the pK<sub>a</sub>'s of these two ligands were assumed to be identical.

Figure 3.1. Cyclic voltammogram of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-Phpy)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> in 0.1 M TBAH CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The peak at approximately 0.45 V is due to the internal redox standard ferrocene.



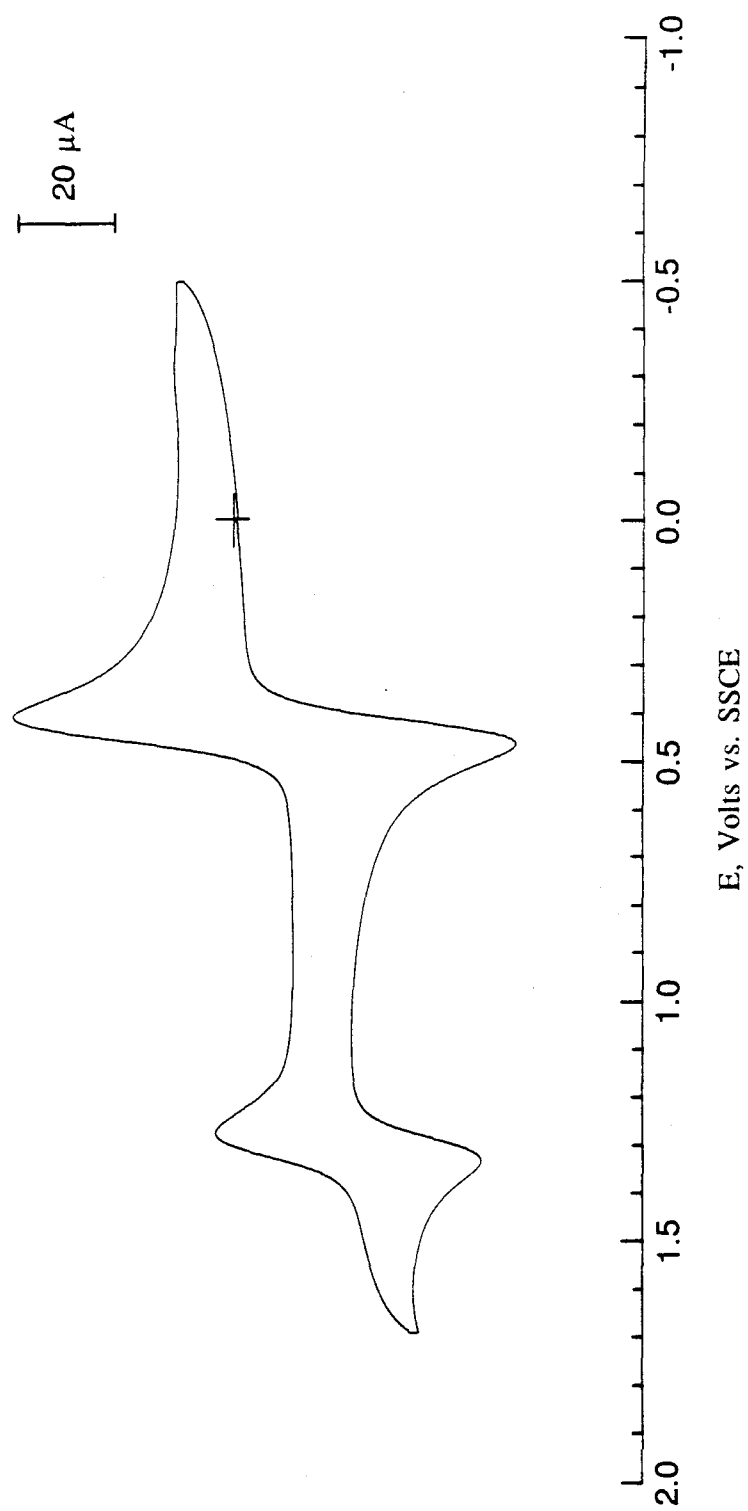
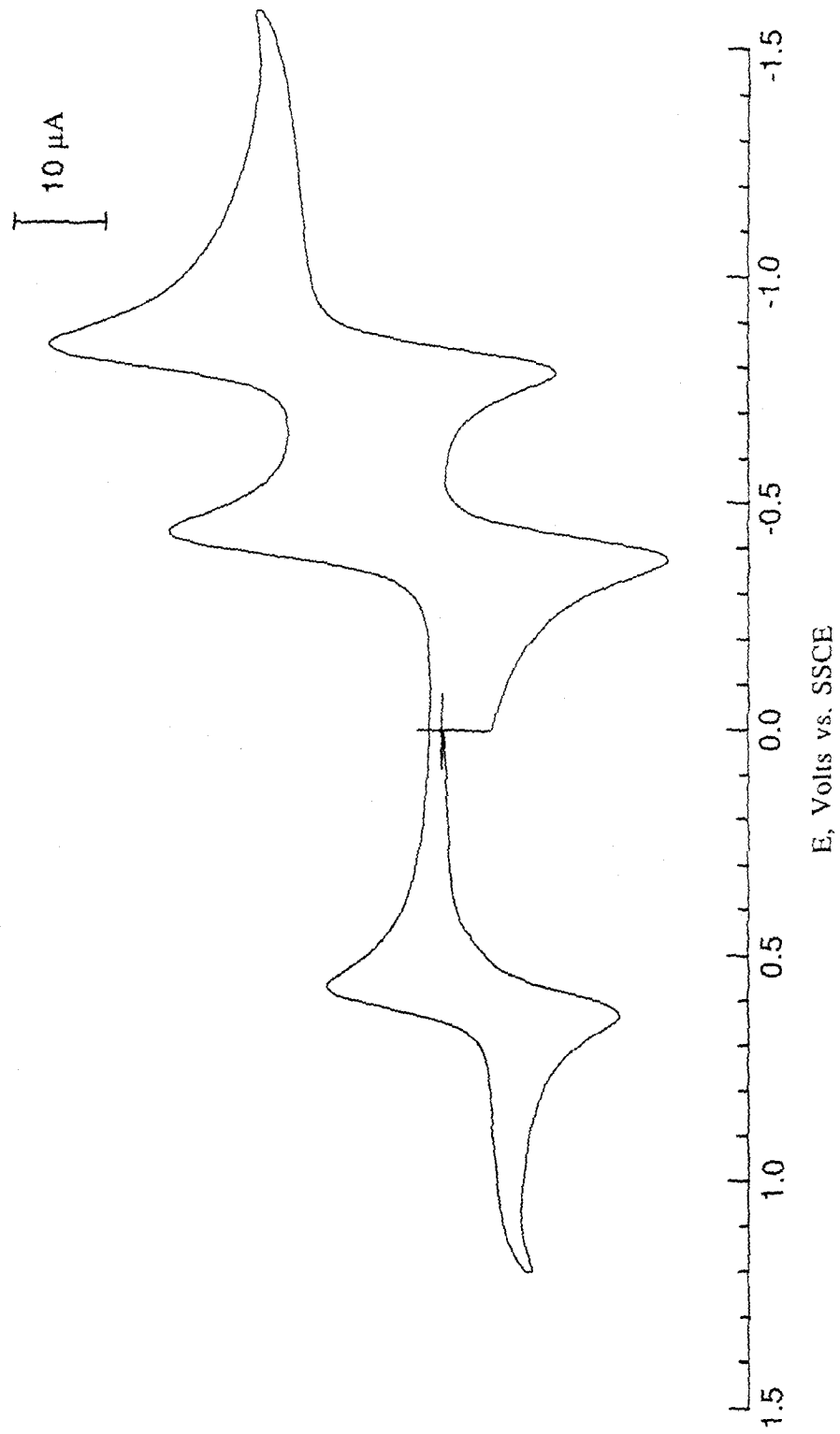


Figure 3.2. Cyclic voltammogram of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> in 0.1 M TBAH CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The peaks at approximately -0.4 and -0.8 V are due to the internal redox standard [MV][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.



The complexes *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrrpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] also exhibited additional, irreversible oxidations at 1.07 and 0.97 V vs. Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc. The assignment of these couples was not determined. The current associated with these anodic waves suggested 1-e<sup>-</sup> processes.

The complex *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(diphos)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] was electro-inactive in the potential range accessible (-1.5 to 1.8 V vs. SSCE) under the experimental conditions (0.1 M TBAH CH<sub>3</sub>CN). The complex *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dppen)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] had insufficient solubility (in both 0.1 M TBAH CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>CN solutions) to be examined by cyclic voltammetry. *Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>PPh<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> was not examined by cyclic voltammetry because only the iodide salt of the complex was available and the I<sub>2</sub>/I<sup>-</sup> couple complicated the measurement.

Three complexes were subjected to bulk (oxidative) electrolysis: *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrrpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]. These three complexes were chosen because their low Re(VI)/Re(V) potentials suggested they might yield stable rhenium(VI) products.

Within minutes after initiating the bulk electrolysis of a solution of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrrpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (at 0.9 V vs. SSCE; 0.1 M TBAH CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) the orange solution became deep green (orange + blue). After current ceased to flow, the solution was deep blue. The amount of charged passed at this point was within 10% of that calculated for a 1-e<sup>-</sup> oxidation of *trans*-[Re<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrrpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]. Bulk reduction of this solution (at 0.3 V vs. SSCE) appeared to quantitatively regenerate the starting material, based on the charge passed and the cyclic voltammograms taken after the oxidation/reduction cycle. Similar behavior was observed for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>].

In contrast to the former two cases, *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] was not stable to oxidation on the bulk electrolysis time scale. The current decreased substantially after 1 equivalent of charge had been passed but did not go to zero. After 1.4 equivalents of charge had been passed, a cyclic voltammogram was taken. In addition to a reversible wave at 1.05 V (vs. SSCE), indicative of starting material, there was an irreversible

reduction wave at approximately -0.7 V. Subsequently, a reducing potential was applied, but only 0.2 equivalents of charge was passed. Estimated  $i_{p,a}$  from the cyclic voltammogram taken after the cycle of oxidation/reduction suggested that 60% of the original material had decomposed. In addition, the broad irreversible reduction wave was still present between -0.6 and -0.9 V.

Three pyridine derivatives were also examined by cyclic voltammetry: 4-methoxypyridine (4-MeOpy), 3-methyl-4-dimethylaminopyridine (3-Medmap), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (dmap). No reversible electrochemistry was seen for any of these; broad anodic waves were observed in all cases. The position of the anodic waves varied with scan rate. In each case the wave shape was similar to that shown in Figure 3.3 for 4-dimethylaminopyridine. At a scan rate of  $200 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ , the anodic peak potentials (vs.  $\text{Fc}^+/\text{Fc}$ ) were 1.1, 0.9 and 1.2 V for dmap, 3-Medmap and 4-MeOpy, respectively.

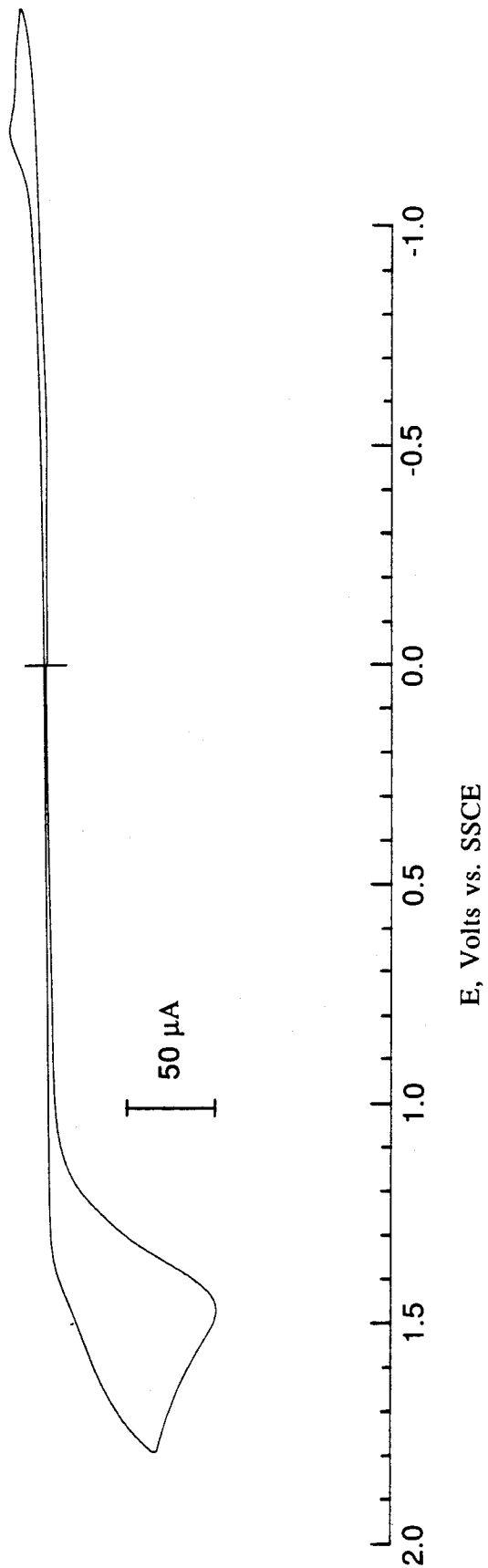
**Infrared Spectra.** The IR spectra of the pyridine complexes of *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L})_4][\text{PF}_6]$  are provided in an appendix of this thesis. In addition to bands resulting from the coordinated pyridine ligands, medium to strong absorptions were observed at  $845 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $\sim 800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  arising from  $[\text{PF}_6]^-$  and the *trans*- $\text{ReO}_2^+$  asymmetric stretch, respectively. Band positions of the asymmetric *trans*- $\text{ReO}_2^+$  stretch for several *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L})_4]^+$  complexes are summarized in Table 3.2.

The IR spectra of *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_3(\text{PPh}_3)]\text{I}$ , *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{diphos})_2][\text{PF}_6]$  and *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dppen})_2][\text{PF}_6]$  are also provided in an appendix of this thesis along with the corresponding free-ligand spectra. In addition to ligand vibrations, absorptions due to the *trans*- $\text{ReO}_2^+$  asymmetric stretch occur in the vicinity of  $800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  along with additional bands at  $845 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to  $[\text{PF}_6]^-$  (if present). The assignment of the metal-oxo vibration is dubious for the diphos and dppen complexes because of the presence of bands with similar energies in the corresponding free ligands. Oxygen-18 labelling of the rhenium complexes would be necessary to make this band assignment with certainty.

Table 3.2. Position of the asymmetric O=Re=O stretch for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> pyridine and phosphine complexes.

L=	$\nu_{\text{asym}}$ for ReO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
py	816
4-Phpy	810
4-pic	820
3,5-lut	820
4-MeOpy	810
3-Medmap	810
dmap	800
4-pyrrpy	798
(py) <sub>3</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> )	815
1/2 diphos	780
1/2 dppen	790

Figure 3.3. Cyclic voltammogram of free 4-dimethylaminopyridine in 0.1 M TBAH  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution.





**Spectroscopy.** The *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes of pyridine and its derivatives exhibit several prominent absorptions in their electronic spectra. The two lowest energy transitions exhibit a marked solvent dependence: the band occurring in the region 400 - 500 nm shifts to lower energy in Lewis acidic solvents, while the band in the region 340 - 370 nm shifts to higher energy. This dependence has been previously noted<sup>23</sup> and is attributed to the interaction of lone-pair electrons on the oxo ligands with vacant low-energy orbitals in the solvent molecules. Because of this behavior, all UV-vis data were collected using the same solvent (CH<sub>3</sub>CN).

In order to aid in the assignment of the electronic transitions, the UV-vis spectra of the corresponding free pyridine ligands were measured in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. These spectra are dominated by a single strong absorption ( $\epsilon \sim 5,000$ ) in the region 200 – 260 nm; in some cases vibrational fine structure is present in these bands. The UV-vis spectrum of each *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> pyridine complex and the corresponding free ligand are provided in Figures 3.4 – 3.11.

The compounds *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] with L= py, 4-Phpy, 4-pic, 3,5-lut, and 4-MeOpy all exhibit red emission upon excitation with 436-nm light. For solid samples, emission bands showed vibrational fine structure that became more pronounced upon cooling to 77 K. The solution luminescence properties are summarized in Table 3.3. The emission spectrum displayed in Figure 3.12 for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3,5-lut)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] is representative of those observed for the other luminescent tetrapyridine complexes. Excited-state lifetimes of the above complexes were determined by monitoring the rate of luminescence decay. Incident laser power was between 0.2 - 0.4 mJ/pulse and emission decays were monitored between 640 - 660 nm. All decay curves could be fit to single exponentials for at least 4 half-lives.

Figure 3.4. UV-vis absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (top) and free pyridine (bottom) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The ordinate scale is in arbitrary absorbance units.

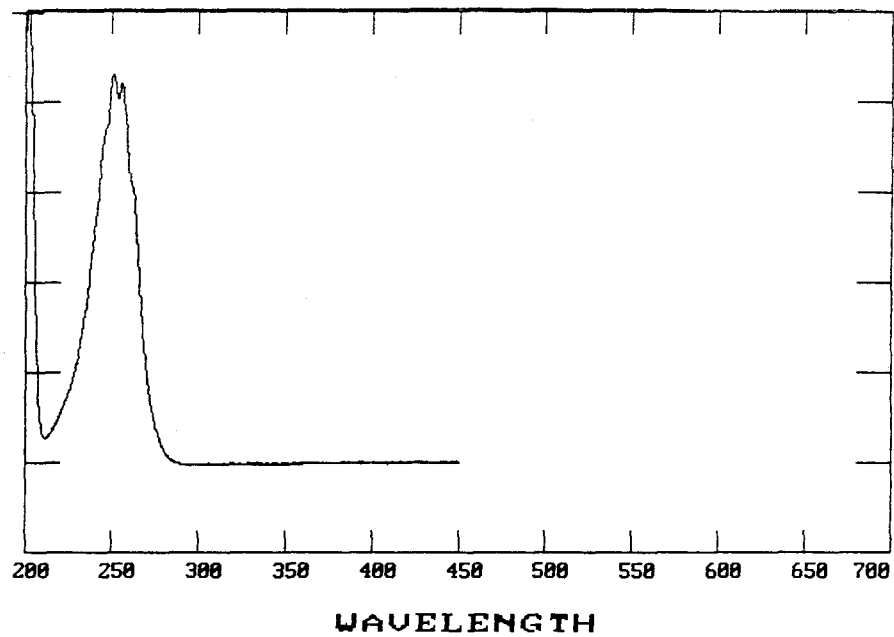
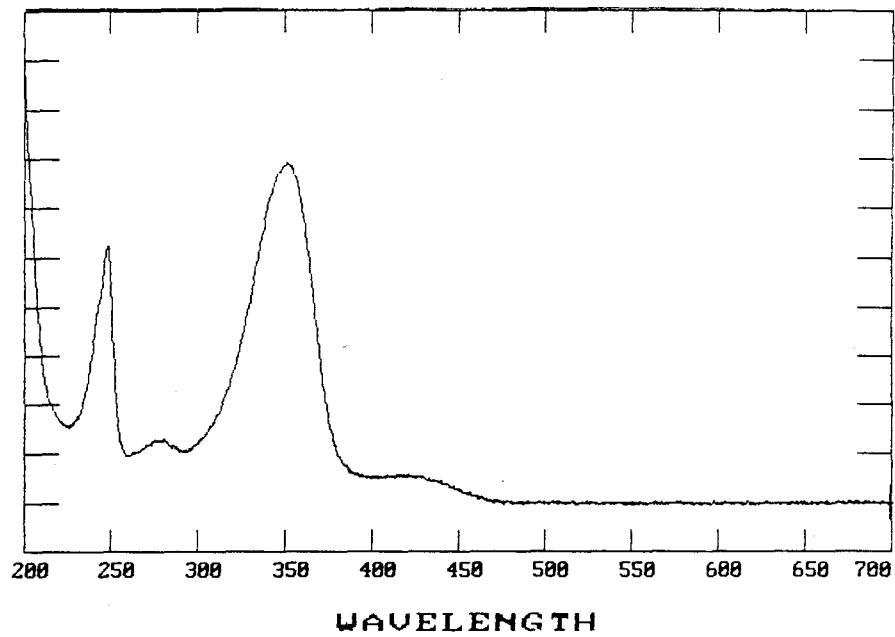


Figure 3.5. UV-vis absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-Phpy)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (top) and free 4-phenylpyridine (bottom) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The ordinate scale is in arbitrary absorbance units.

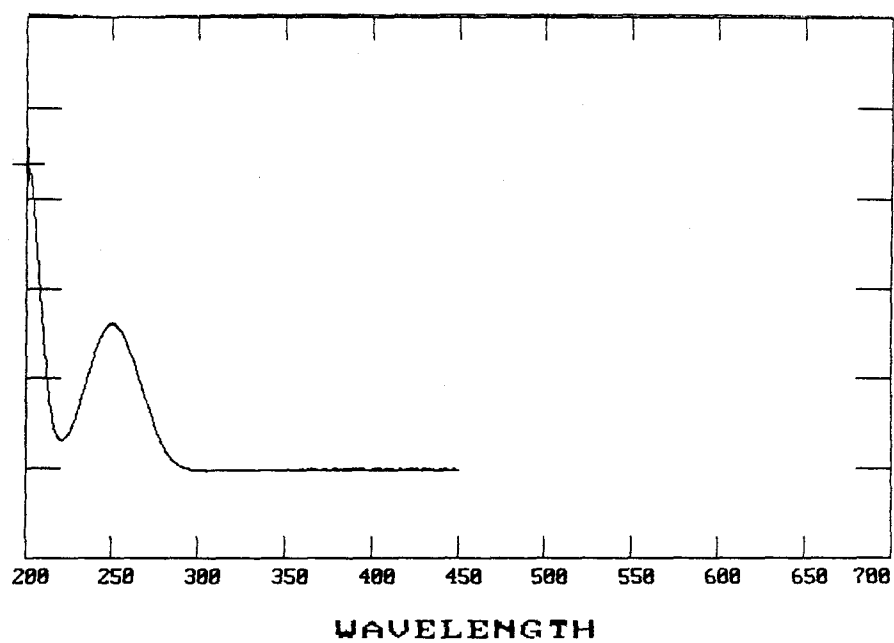
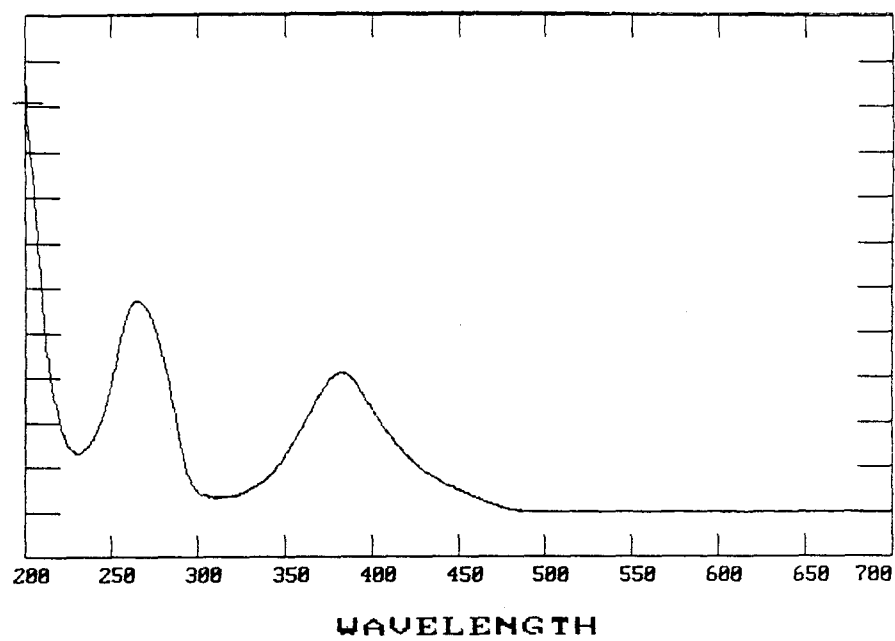


Figure 3.6. UV-vis absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pic)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (top) and free 4-picoline (bottom) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The ordinate scale is in arbitrary absorbance units.

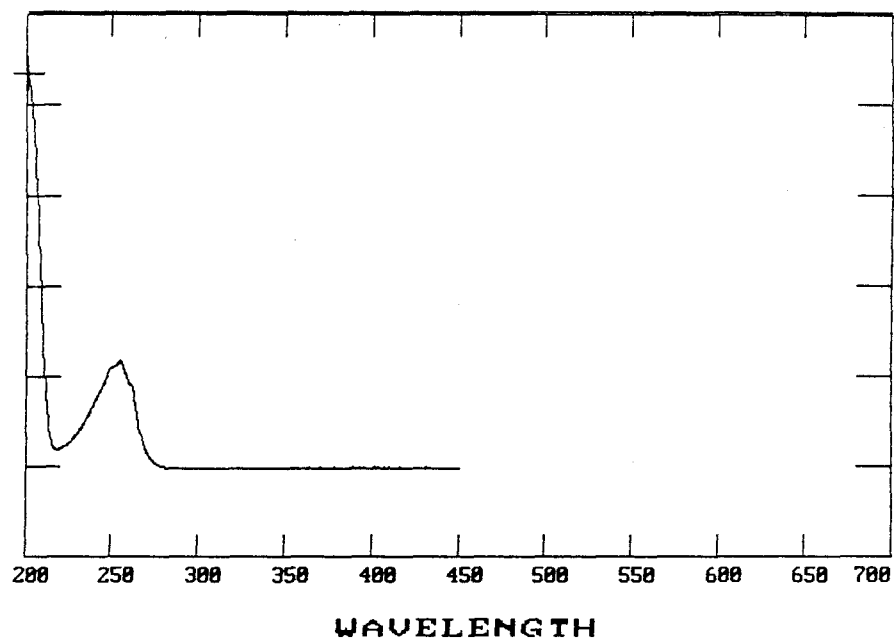
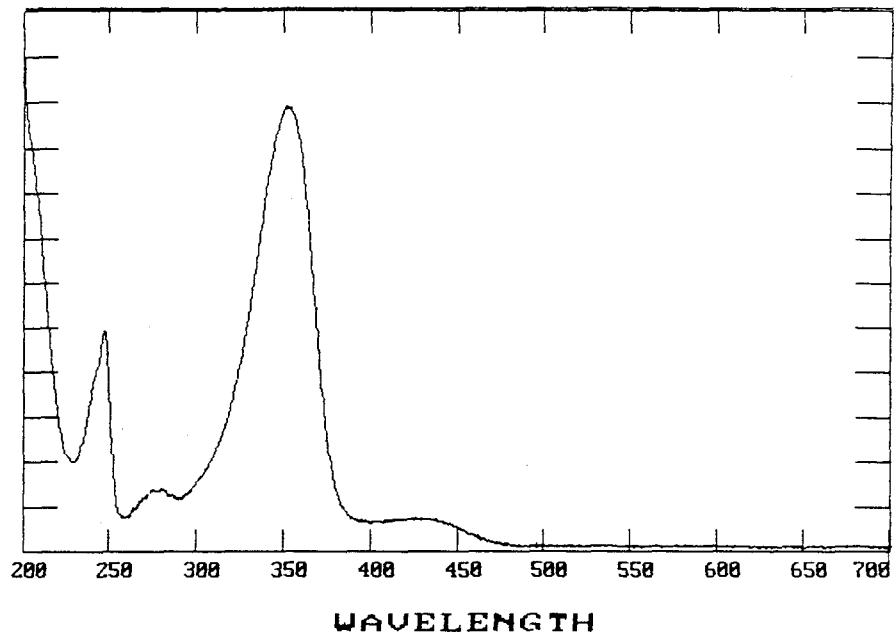


Figure 3.7. UV-vis absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3,5-lut)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (top) and free 3,5-lutidine (bottom) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The ordinate scale is in arbitrary absorbance units.



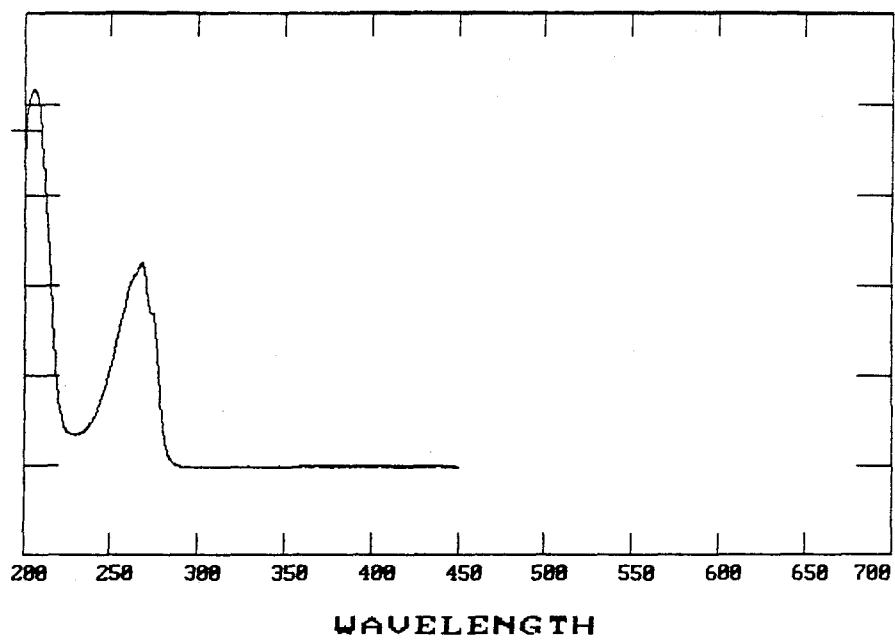
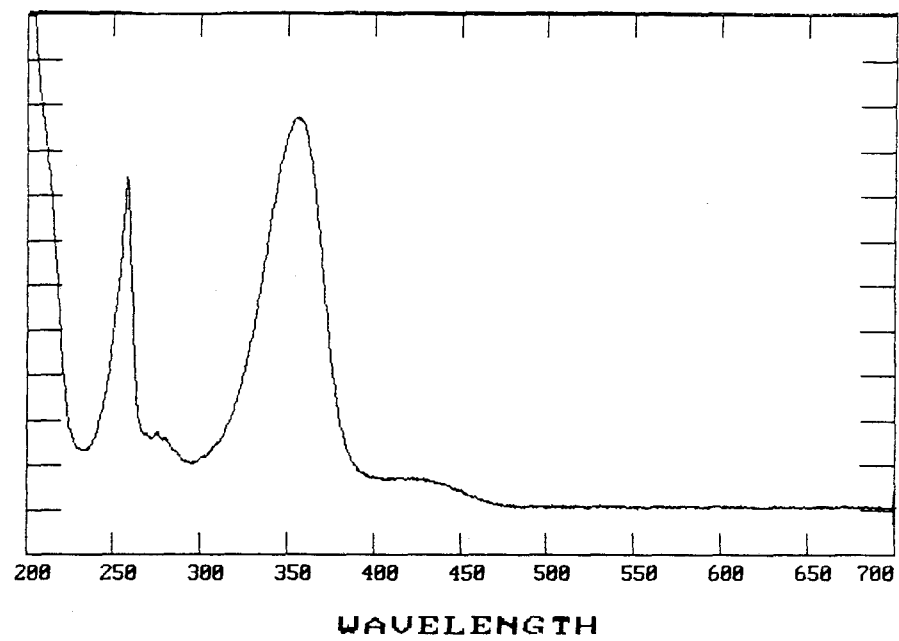


Figure 3.8. UV-vis absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (top) and free 4-methoxypyridine (bottom) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The ordinate scale is in arbitrary absorbance units.

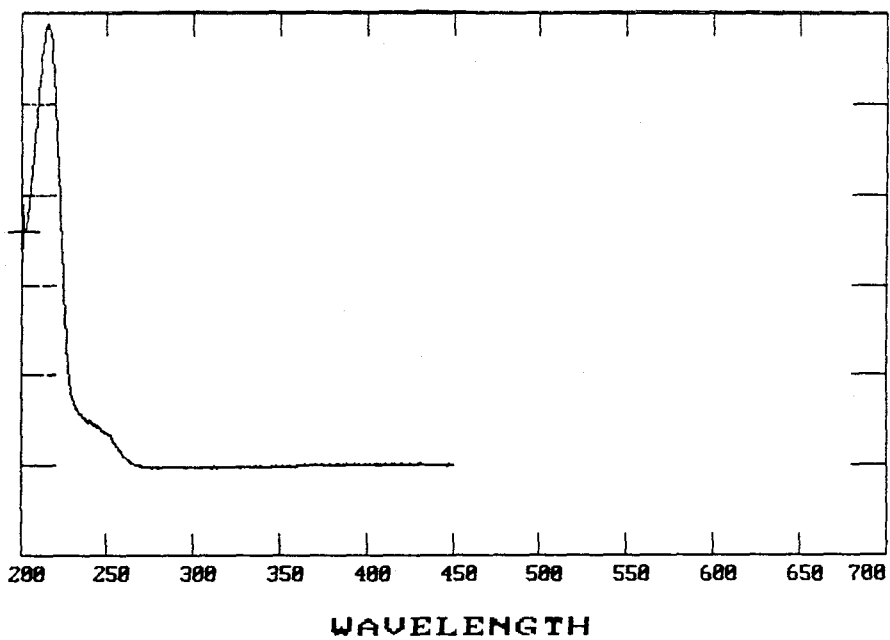
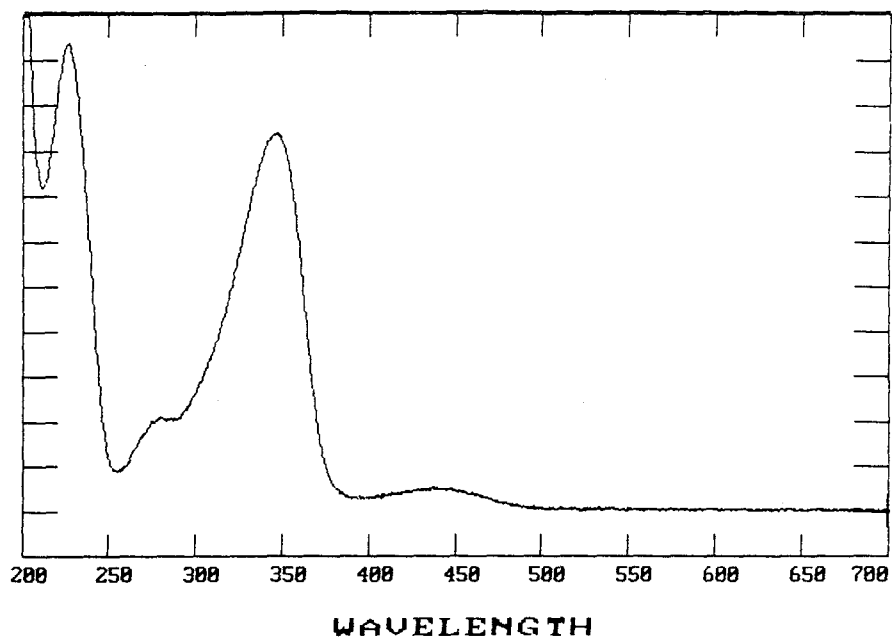


Figure 3.9. UV-vis absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (top) and free 3-methyl-4-dimethylaminopyridine (bottom) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The ordinate scale is in arbitrary absorbance units.

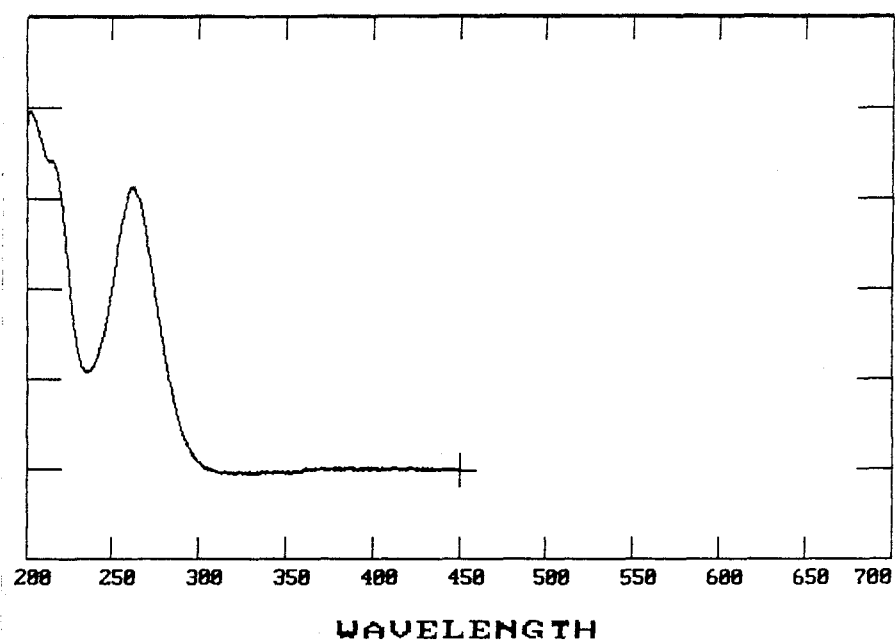
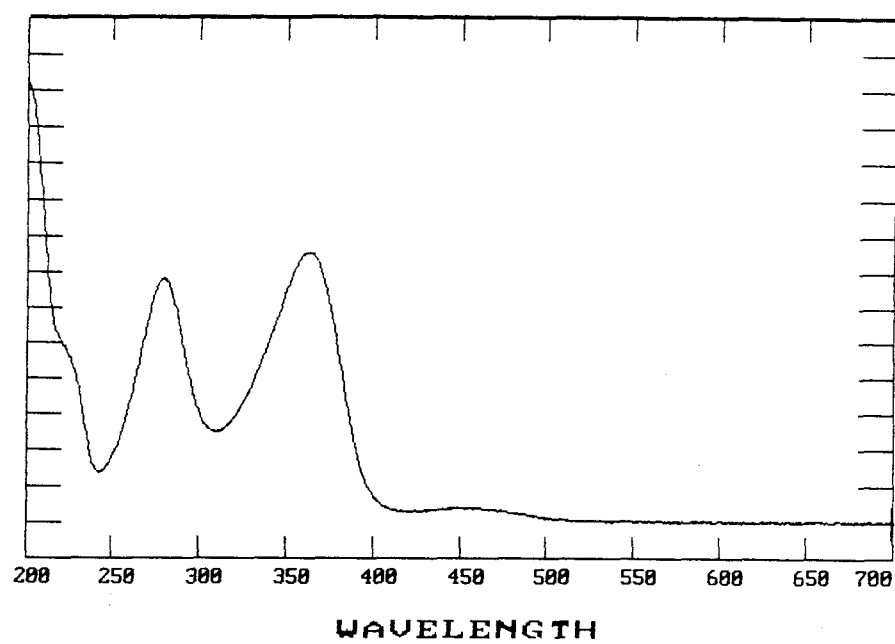


Figure 3.10. UV-vis absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (top) and free 4-dimethylaminopyridine (bottom) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The ordinate scale is in arbitrary absorbance units.

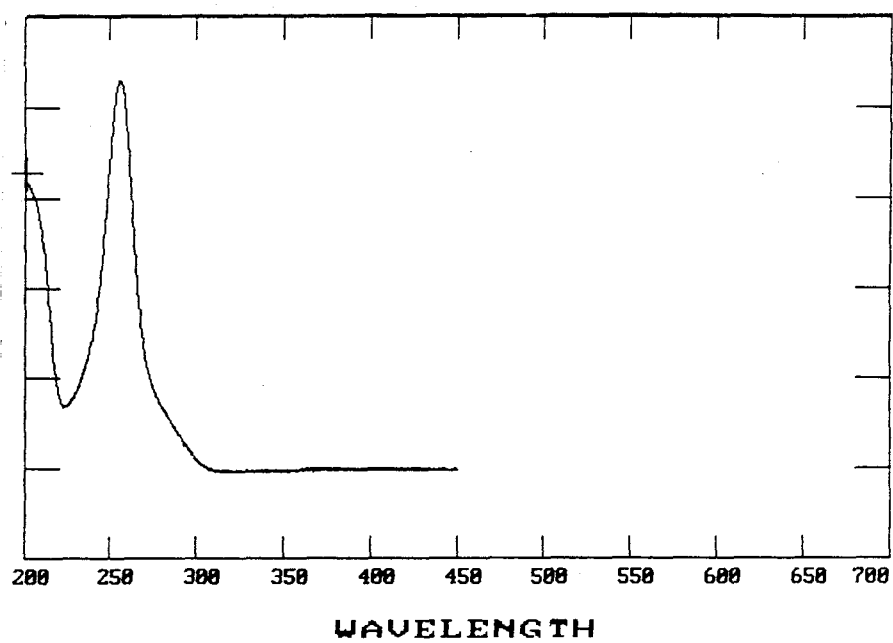
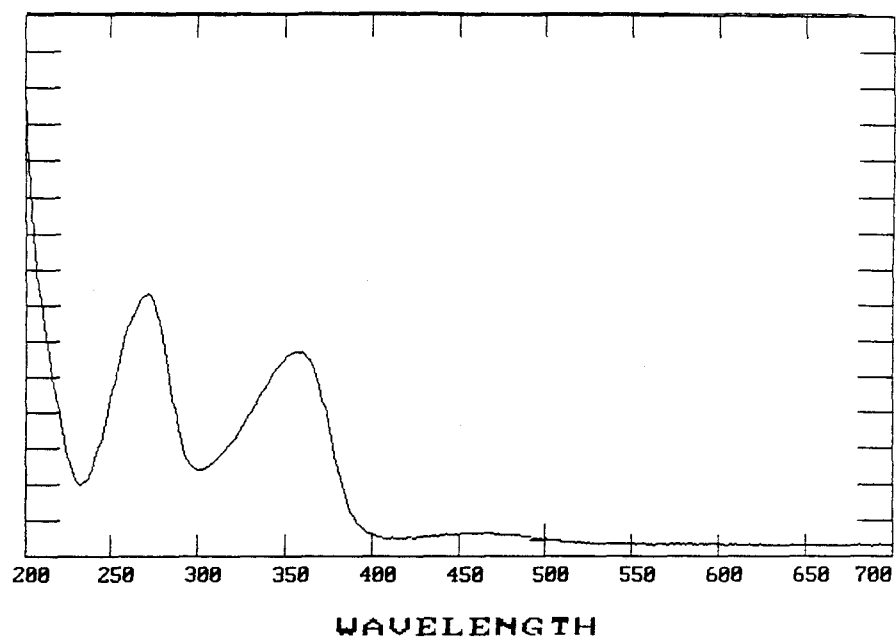


Figure 3.11. UV-vis absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrpy)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (top) and free 4-pyrrolidinopyridine (bottom) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The ordinate scale is in arbitrary absorbance units.



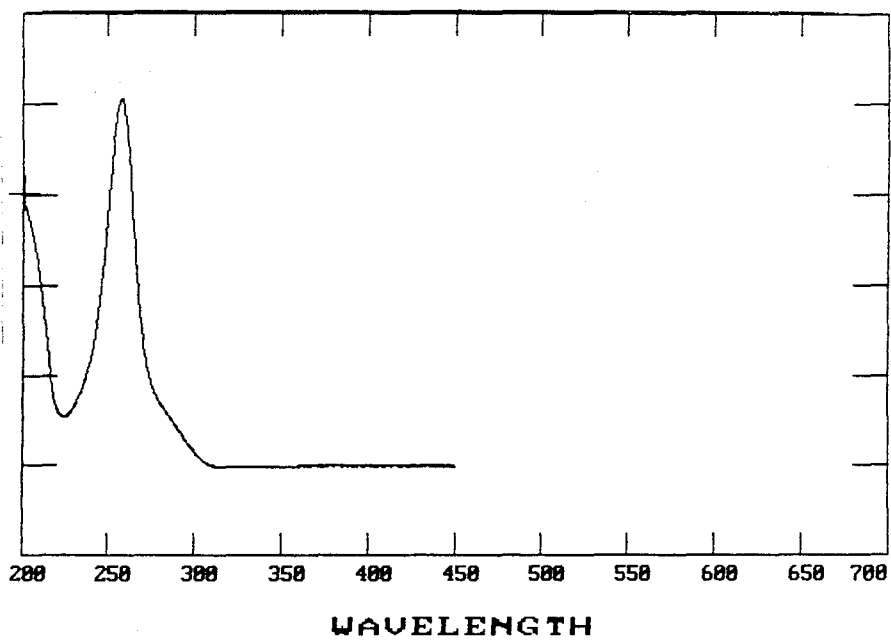
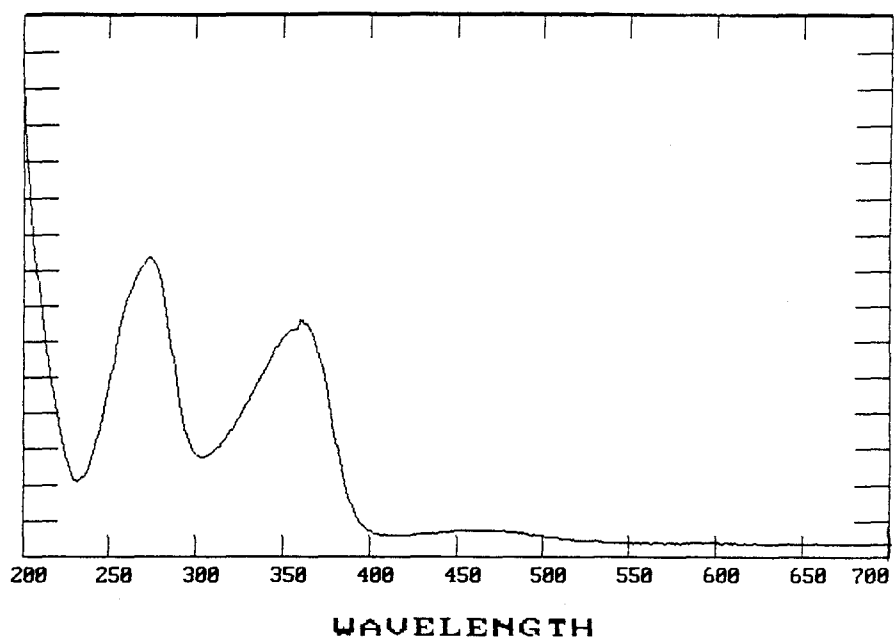


Figure 3.12. Room temperature emission spectrum *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3,5-lut)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The spectrum has been corrected for spectrometer response.

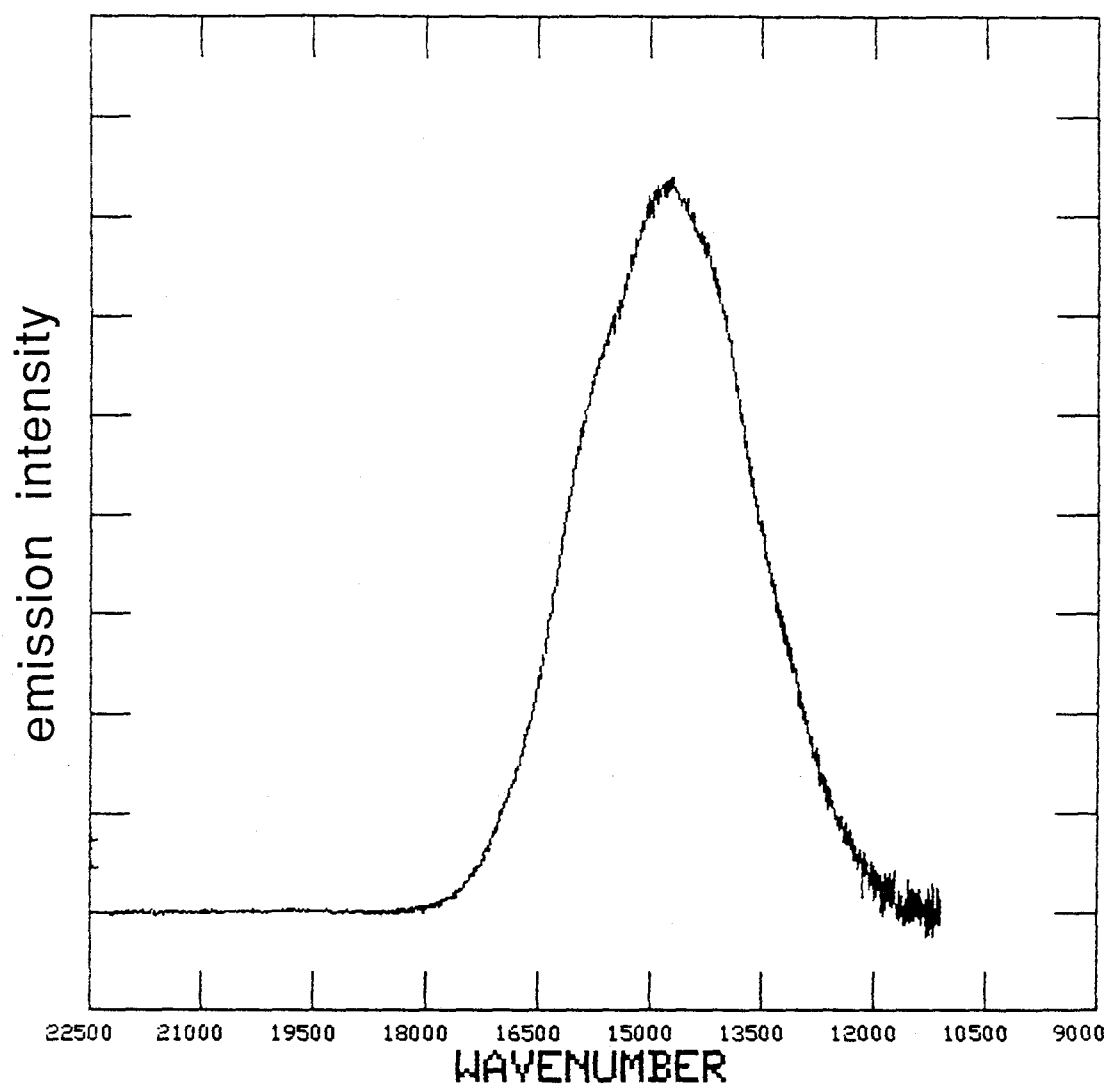


Table 3.3. Luminescence properties of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] pyridine complexes in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution at room temperature. All values reported have been corrected for spectrometer response.

L=	E <sub>max</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	τ <sub>0</sub> (μs)
py	14,920	14
4-Phpy	14,720	14
4-Mepy	14,580	12
3,5-lut	14,760	13
4-MeOpy	13,790	2.8

The UV-visible spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]I is similar to that of the tetrapyridine complex, except that the far UV region is dominated by the intense  $\pi$ - $\pi^*$  transitions of the phenyl rings. The spectrum is shown in Figure 3.13 along with the spectrum of free PPh<sub>3</sub> for comparison.

The compound *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]I was luminescent in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution (E<sub>max</sub> = 15,150 cm<sup>-1</sup>, τ = 1.5 μs). The emission quantum yield was found to be 0.003, an order of magnitude smaller than that of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>. The solid-state emission spectrum (τ = 33 μs at RT) of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]I exhibited vibrational fine structure (Figure 3.14) which became well resolved at 77 K (Figure 3.15). The peak positions (uncorrected) are summarized in Table 3.4. At low temperature, two progressions were clearly evident: a major progression of ~800 cm<sup>-1</sup> and a minor progression of ~190 cm<sup>-1</sup>. From analogy with the low temperature emission spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>][BPh<sub>4</sub>], the vibrational modes causing these progressions are probably the symmetric O=Re=O stretch and a Re-py stretch, respectively.<sup>28</sup>

Table 3.4. Summary of emission peak maxima for the 77 K spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)] [PF<sub>6</sub>] (uncorrected for spectrometer response).

peak position, nm (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	minor progression (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	major progression (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
560.25 (17,849)		
566.25 (17,660)	189	
589.50 (16,964)		885
621.75 (16,084)	193	
629.25 (15,892)		880
657.75 (15,203)	192	
666.75 (14,998)		881
698.25 (14,322)	205	
708.00 (14,124)		881

In contrast to the pyridine complexes, the UV-vis spectra of the phosphine complexes *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(diphos)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dppen)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] are essentially featureless, exhibiting only broad absorptions with intense transitions at ~ 266 nm extending out into the near-visible region. Poor solubility precluded accurate extinction measurements; however, an  $\epsilon \sim 30,000 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  can be estimated. The spectra of these complexes, accompanied by those of the free ligand, are provided in Figures 3.16 and 3.17.

Both *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(diphos)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dppen)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] exhibit emission *only* in frozen dichloromethane solutions and in the solid state ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 15,100$  and  $16,170 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for the diphos and dppen complexes, respectively). The bands were Gaussian in shape, and no fine structure was evident down to temperatures as low as 77 K.

Figure 3.13. UV-vis absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]I (top) and free PPh<sub>3</sub> (bottom) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The ordinate scale is in arbitrary absorbance units.

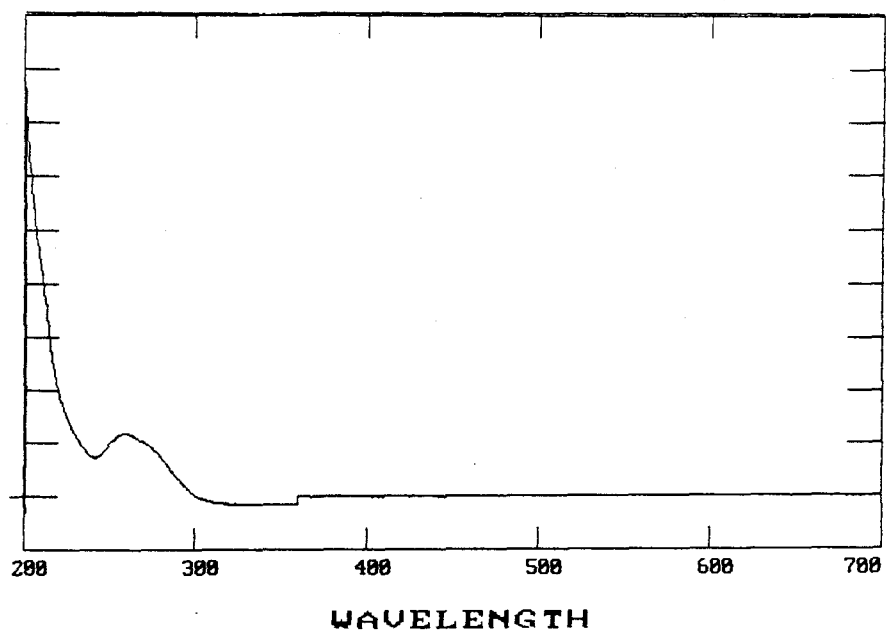
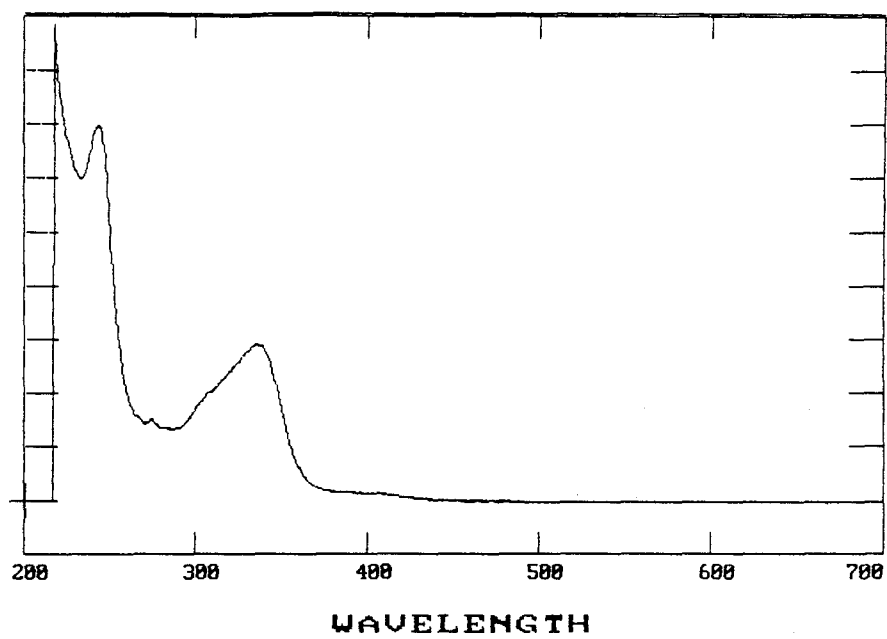


Figure 3.14. Room temperature emission spectrum of a solid sample of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>PPh<sub>3</sub>]I (not corrected for spectrometer response). The band shape is due to incompletely resolved metal-oxo vibrational fine structure.



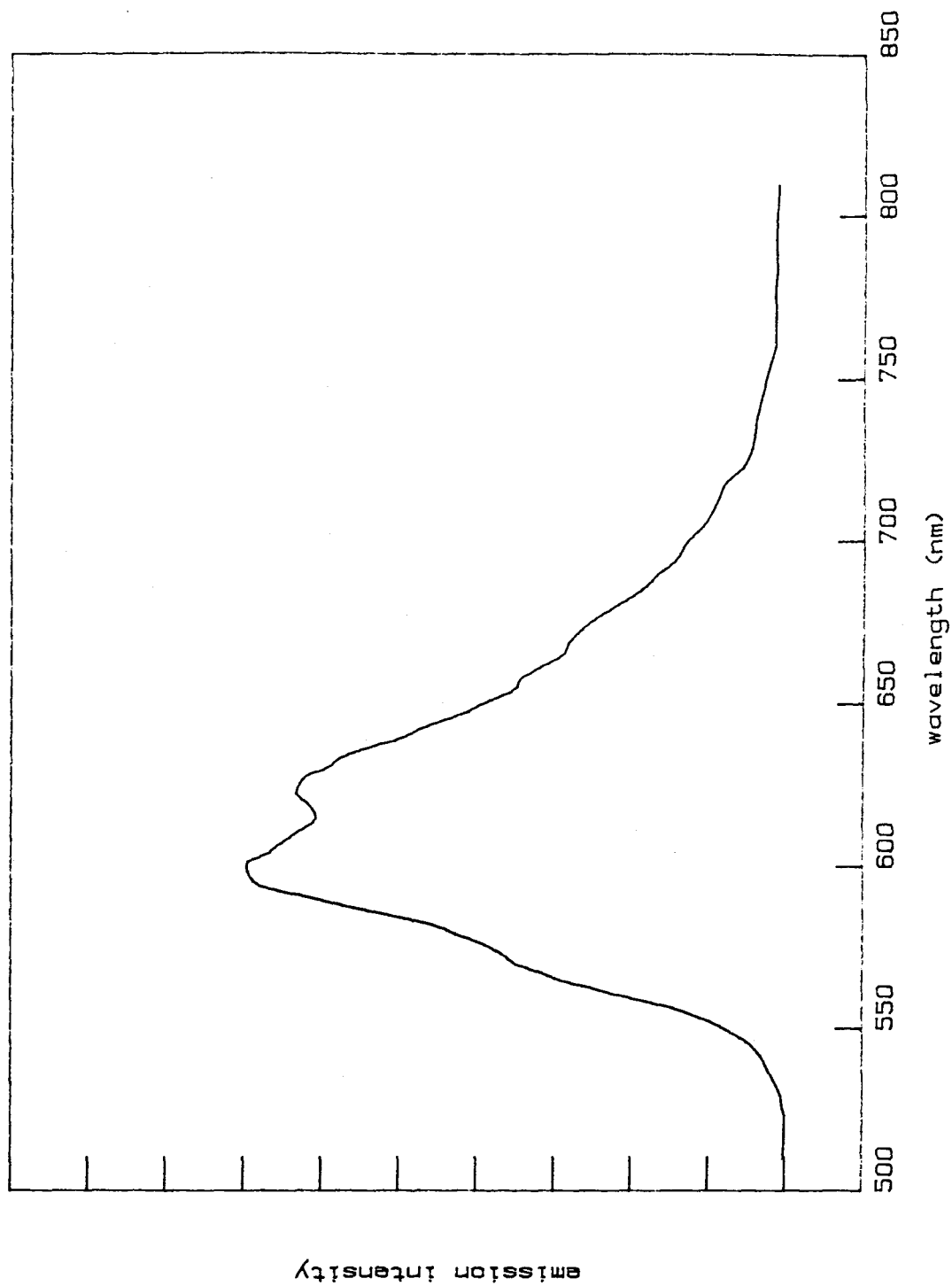


Figure 3.15. Low temperature (77 K) emission spectrum of a solid sample of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>PPh<sub>3</sub>]*I*. The spectrum has not been corrected for spectrometer response.

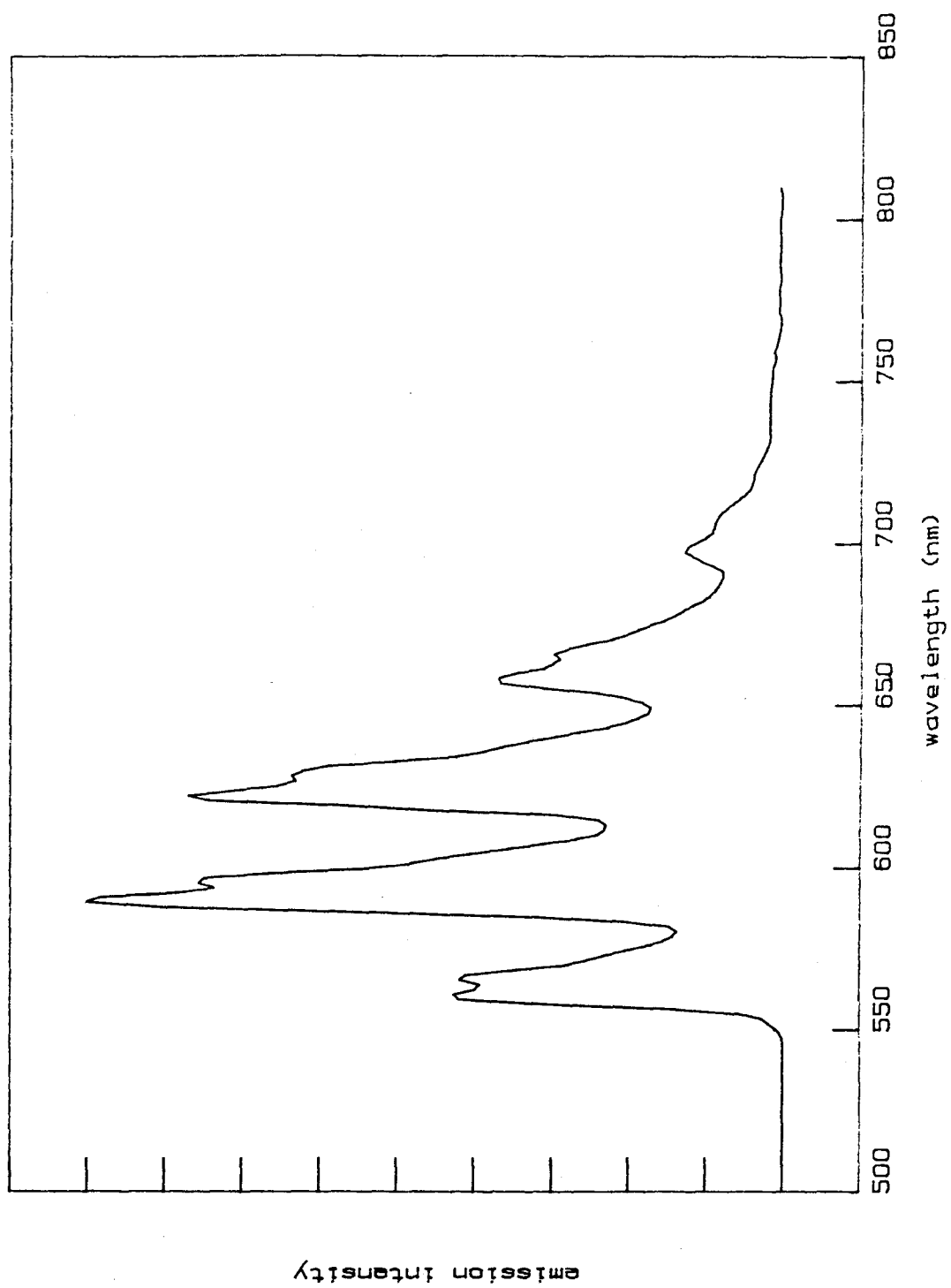


Figure 3.16. UV-vis absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(diphos)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (top) and free diphos (bottom) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution.

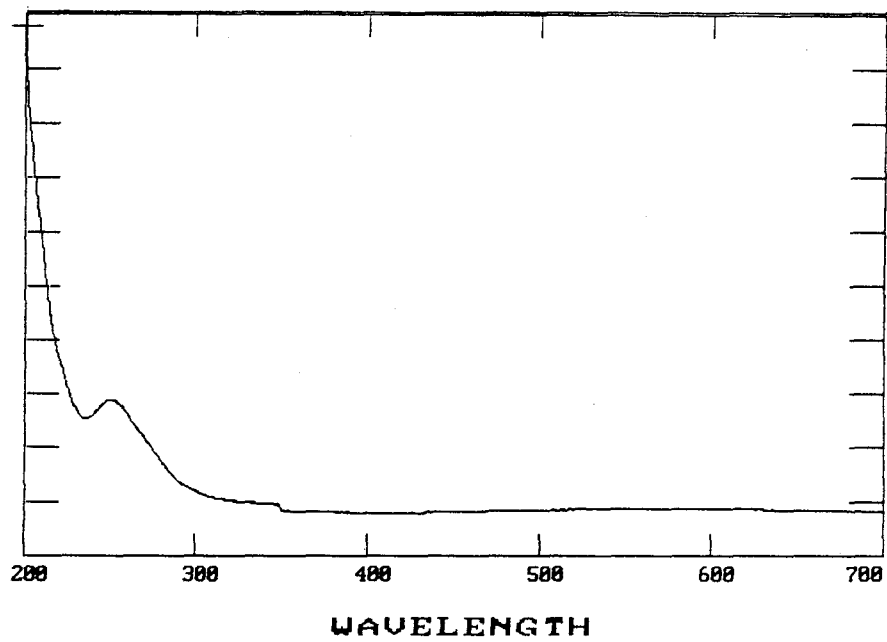
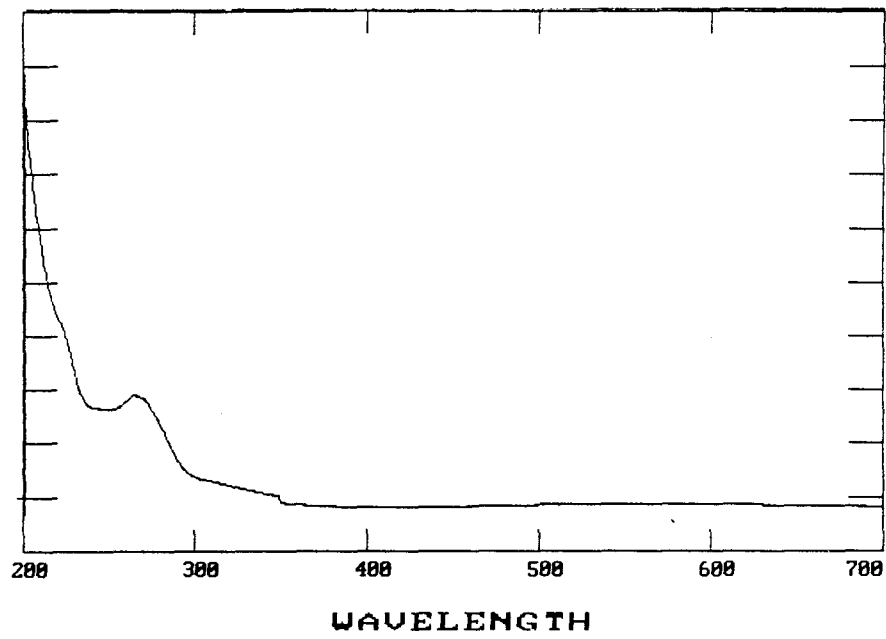
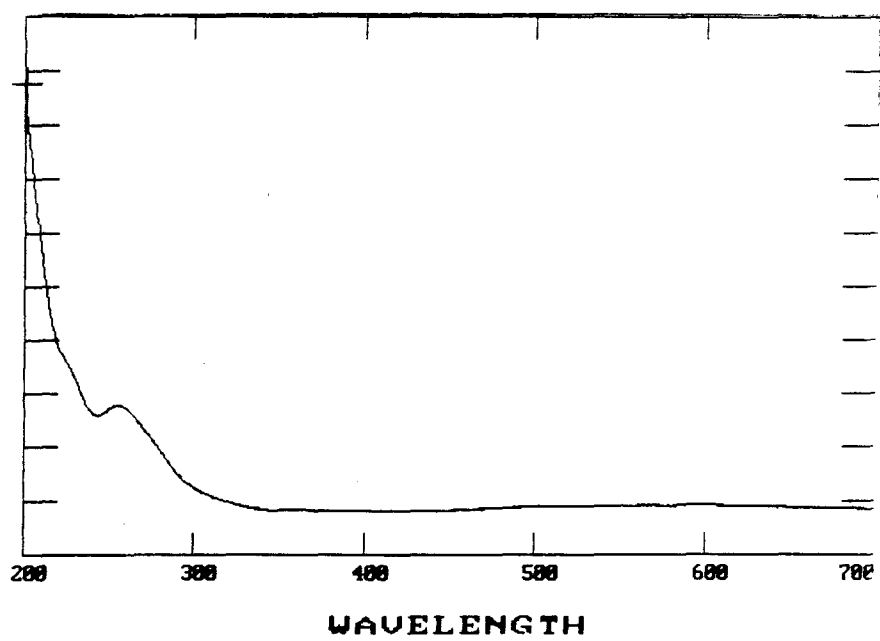
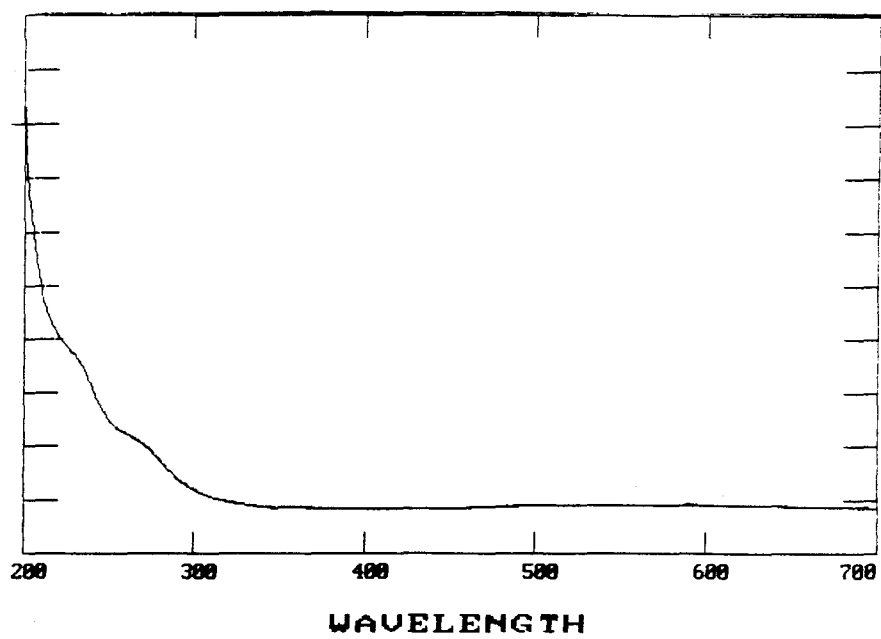


Figure 3.17. UV-vis absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dppen)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (top) and free dppen (bottom) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution.



Curiously, no emission could be detected for the following complexes under any conditions: *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrrpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>].

The transient-absorption (TA) spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-Phpy)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>, *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>, *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>, and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> are shown in Figures 3.18 to 3.21. All TA spectra are dominated by a pronounced bleach in the region 350 – 400 nm. In the case of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-Phpy)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>, there is a weak band at approximately 500 nm which is also seen for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>. The latter complex exhibits an additional absorption at ~380 nm. The spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> exhibit intense absorptions with maxima at 510 and 450 nm, respectively. The excited-state lifetime data determined from TA experiments are summarized in Table 3.5.

Table 3.5. Excited-state lifetime data for some *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> pyridine complexes determined from TA measurements.

complex	$\tau_0$ ( $\mu$ s)
<i>trans</i> -[ReO <sub>2</sub> (4-Phpy) <sub>4</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	11.5
<i>trans</i> -[ReO <sub>2</sub> (4-MeOpy) <sub>4</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	2.5
<i>trans</i> -[ReO <sub>2</sub> (3-Medmap) <sub>4</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	0.36
<i>trans</i> -[ReO <sub>2</sub> (dmap) <sub>4</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	0.15



Figure 3.18. TA spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-Phpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. Data were collected point-by-point at time zero with respect to the excitation pulse.

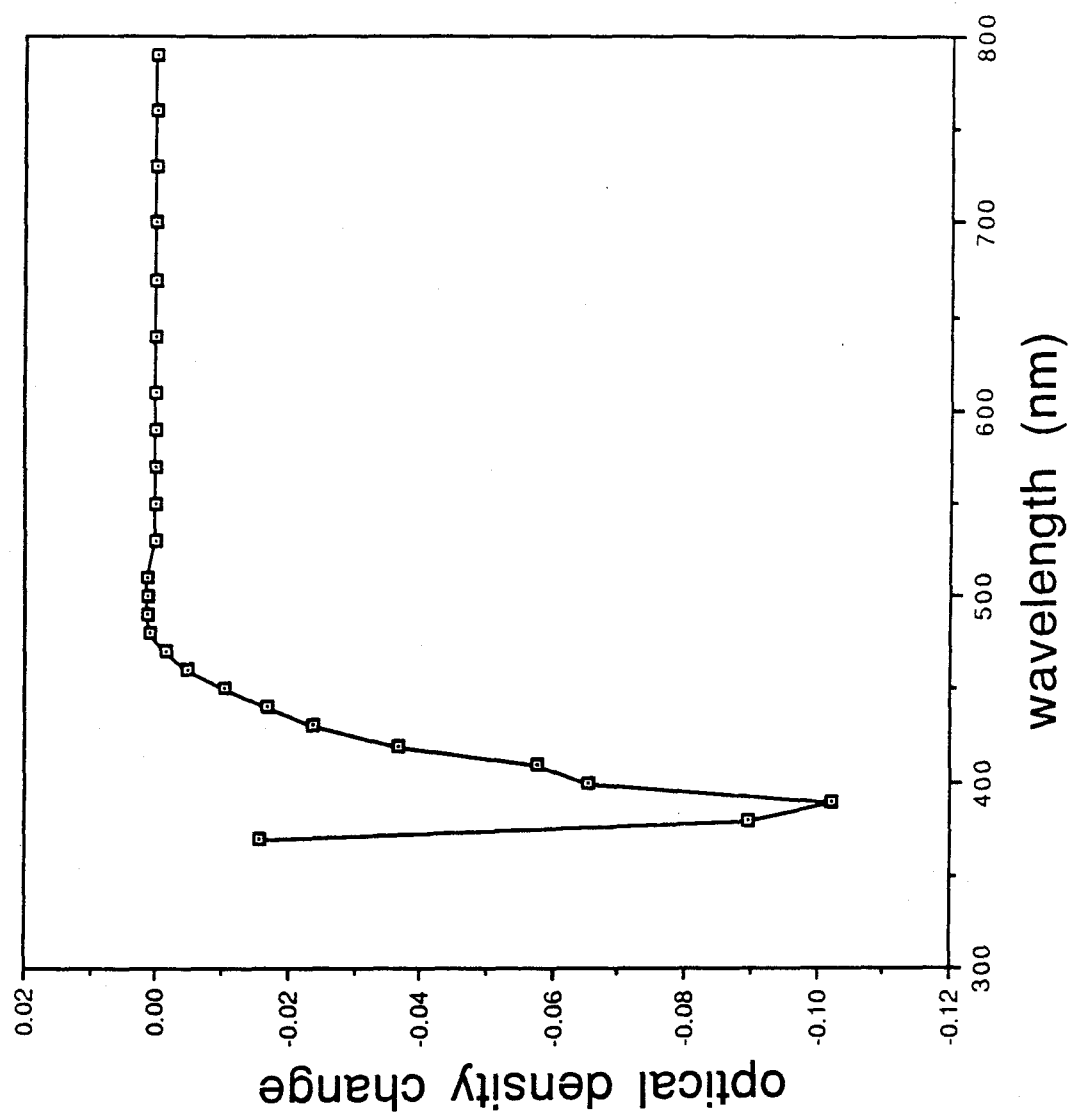


Figure 3.19. TA spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. Data were collected point-by-point at time zero with respect to the excitation pulse.

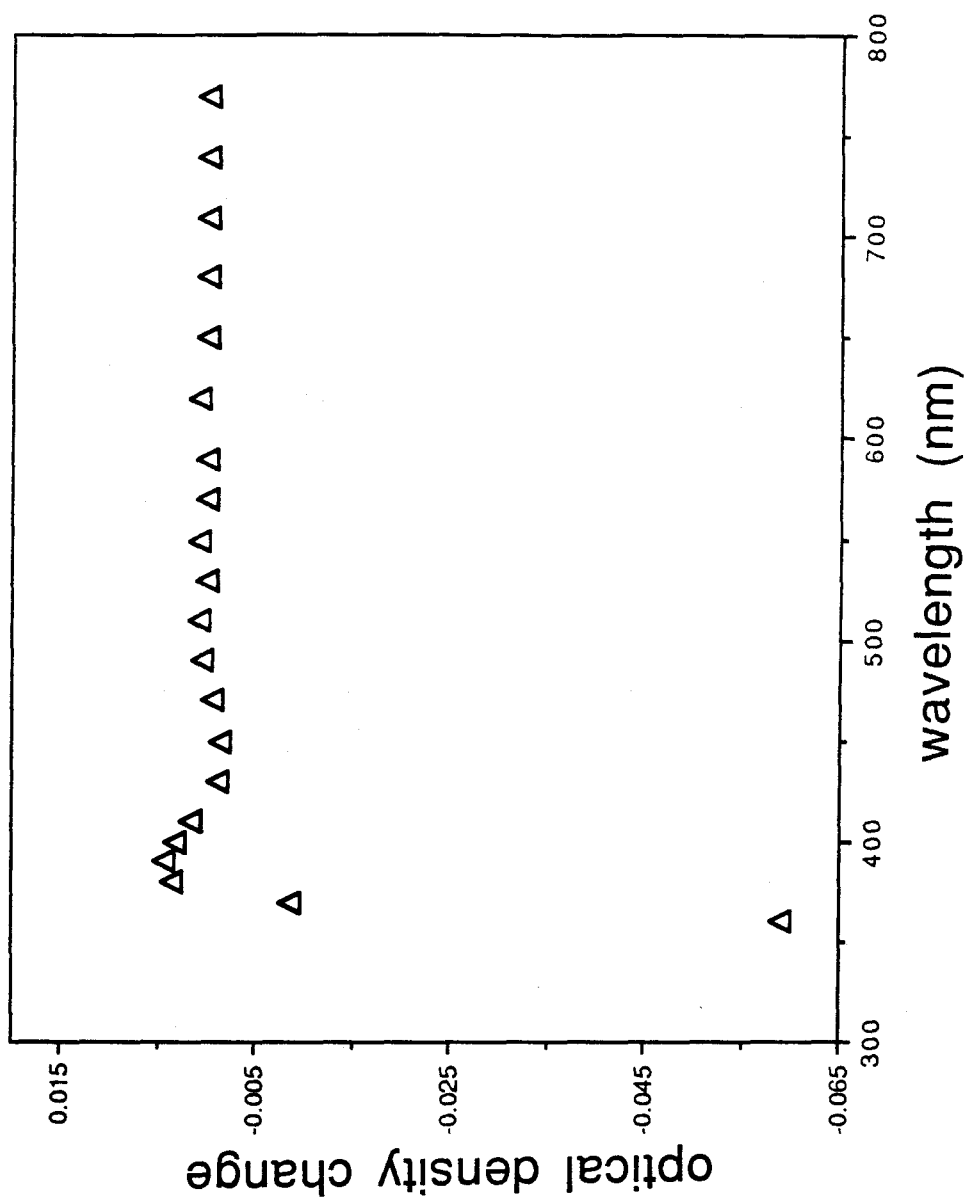


Figure 3.20. TA spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. Data were collected point-by-point at time zero with respect to the excitation pulse.

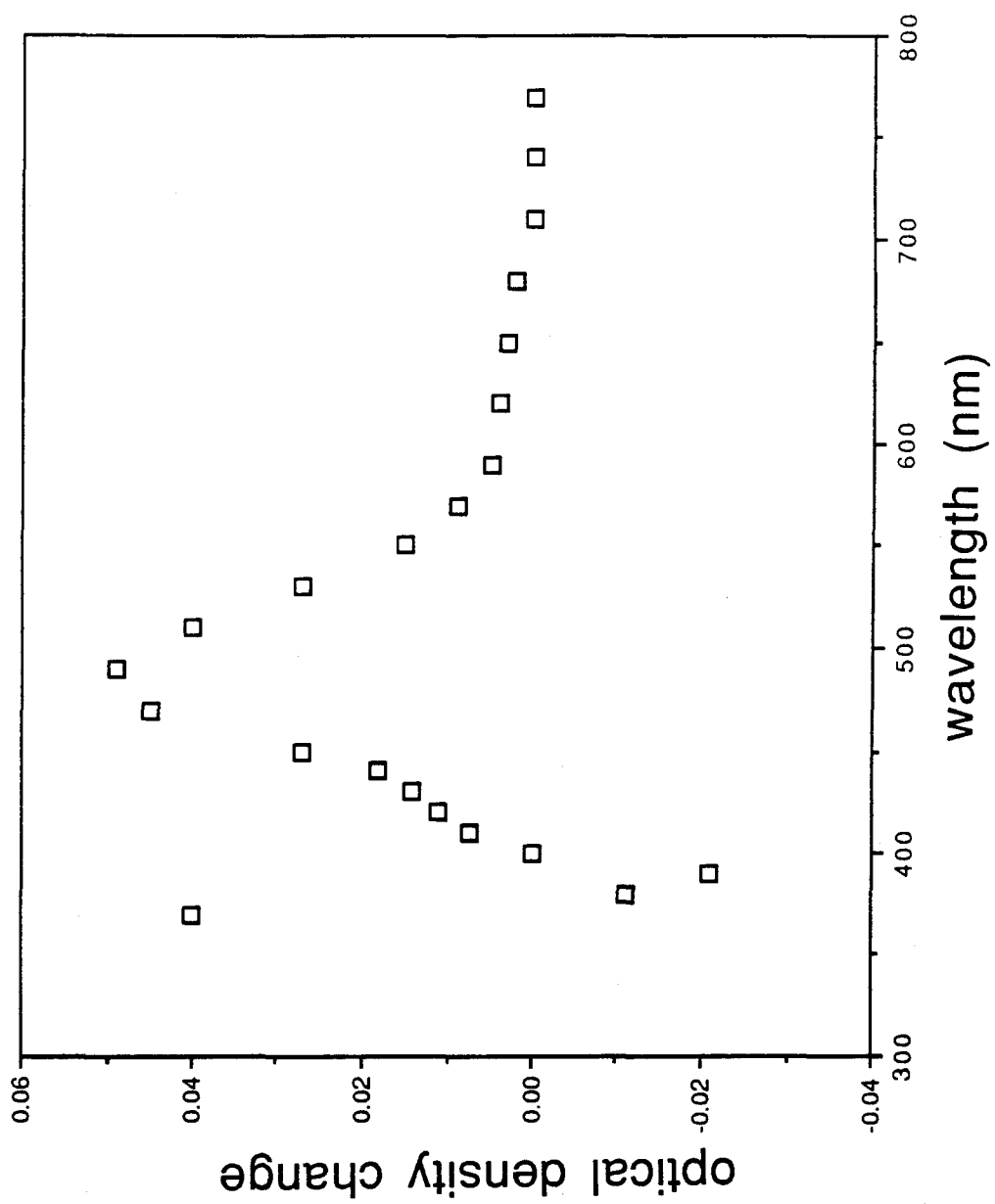


Figure 3.21. TA spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. Data were collected point-by-point at time zero with respect to the excitation pulse.

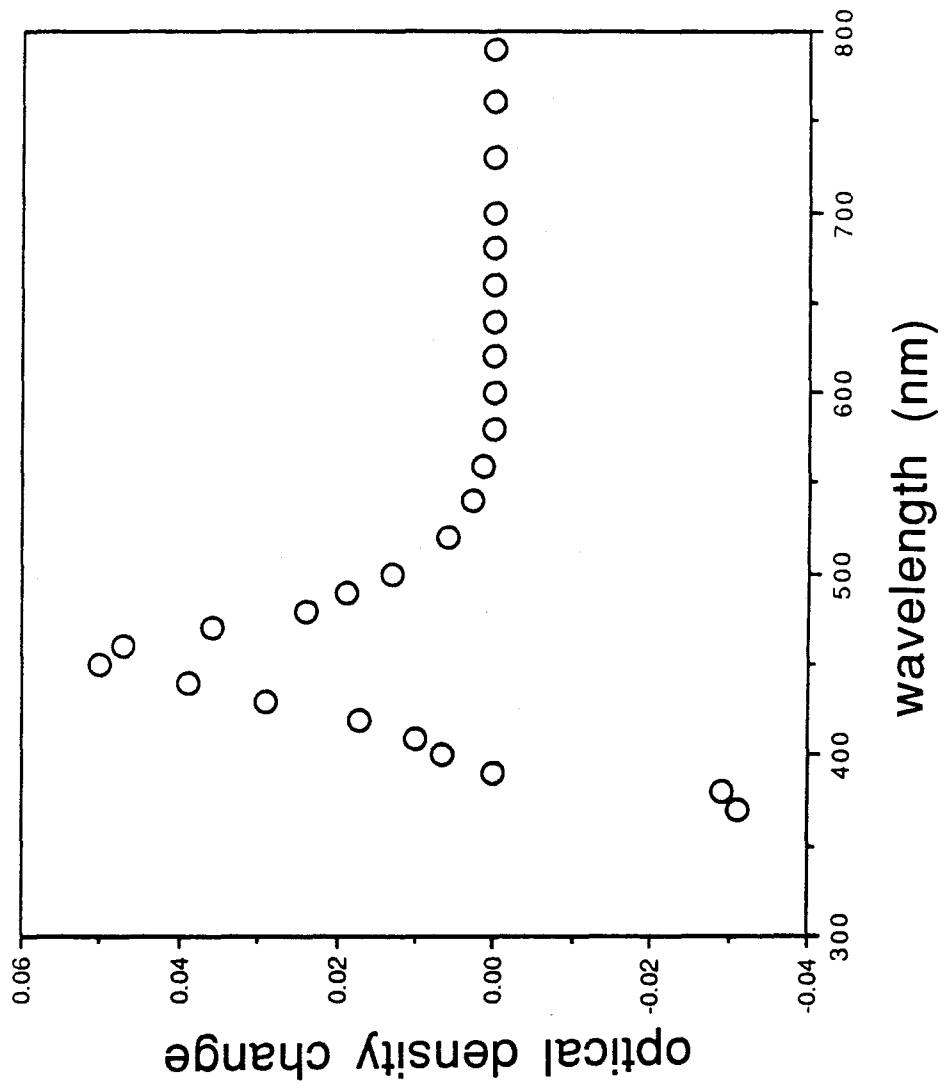
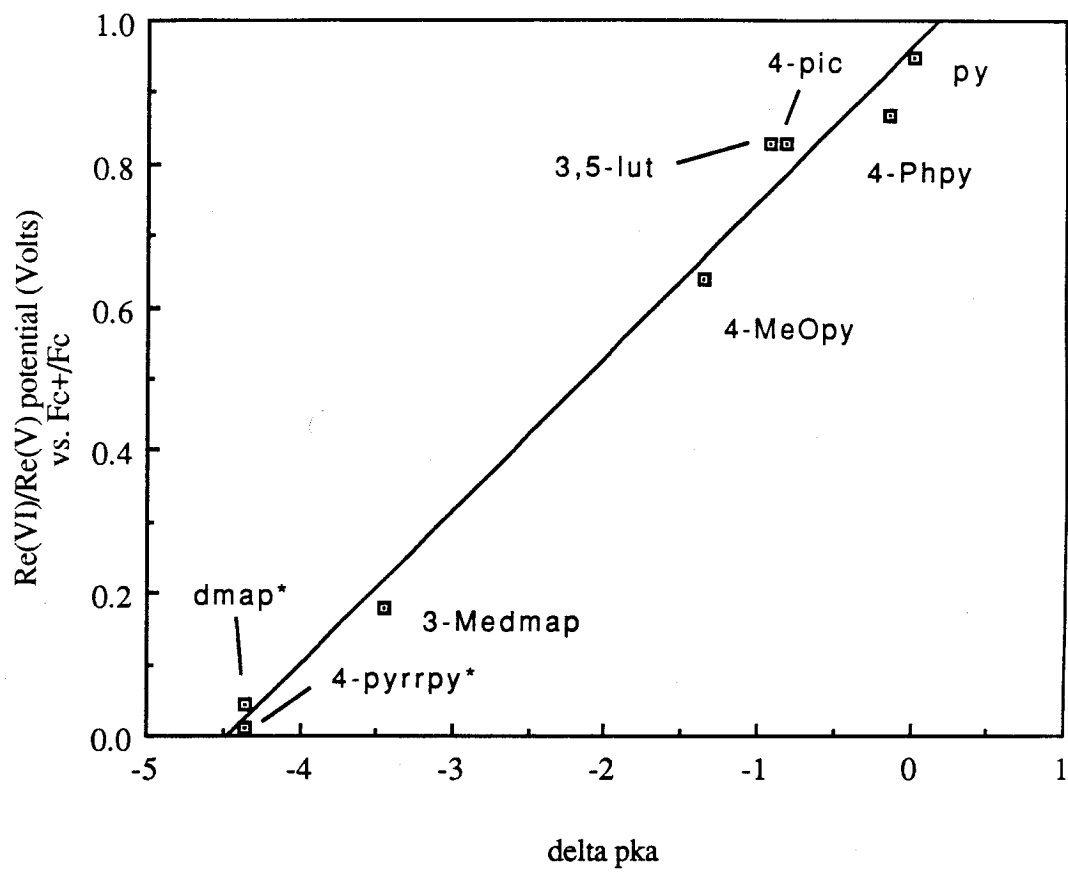




Figure 3.22. Plot of  $E_{1/2}$  Re(VI)/Re(V) for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> pyridine complexes vs.  $\Delta pK_a$  of free ligand L.



## DISCUSSION

**Electrochemistry.** Cyclic voltammetry measurements reveal a most striking relationship between ligand donor strengths and the corresponding oxidation potential of the *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] pyridine complexes. A plot of  $E_{1/2}[\text{Re(VI)/Re(V)}]$  vs.  $\Delta pK_a$  of the free pyridine (see Figure 3.22) yields a straight line with a slope of 0.21 and an intercept of 0.95 ( $R = 0.99$ ). This linear dependence permits tuning of the Re(VI)/Re(V) couple by almost 1 V. The result is a family of Re(VI) complexes spanning a wide range of oxidizing power. The pyridine complex is about as oxidizing as Ce(IV). The 4-pyrrolidinopyridine complex is as mild as the ferricenium ion. The low oxidizing potential of this last complex suggested that isolation and full characterization of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrppy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> might be possible. Bulk electrolysis experiments supported this hypothesis; *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrppy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] can be oxidized and re-reduced several times without suffering any decomposition. The complex *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> is also stable on the bulk electrolysis time scale. These compounds provide insight into the nature of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> species and are discussed in further detail in Chapter 4.

The Re(VI)/Re(V) couple of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] is 600 mV more oxidizing than that of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrppy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]. Thus it is not surprising that *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] is *not* stable to oxidation on the bulk electrolysis time scale. After one equivalent of charge was passed, current continued to flow at a measurable rate. When a reducing potential was applied, only 0.2 equivalents of charge was passed, but cyclic voltammetry indicated that 40% of the original material was present. A slow reaction converting the Re(VI) product back to the Re(V) starting material must occur concurrently with the oxidation process. The identity of the reductant is unknown. Evidence of the slow back reaction can be obtained from UV-vis spectra recorded at the end of the electrolysis. Apparently the additional products generated by the decomposition do not absorb in the UV-vis region since two well-defined isosbestic points were clearly evident

(Figure 3.23). Some possible reactions accounting for this behavior are presented in Chapter 4.

In order to determine whether the *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> complexes contained stabilized ligand radicals or oxidized metal centers, the redox properties of some substituted pyridines were examined.

Cyclic voltammograms of 4-MeOpy, 3-Medmap and dmap exhibit only irreversible oxidations that are well above the potentials measured (> 600 mV) for the corresponding *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] complexes. This is good evidence that the oxidations observed in each case are metal-centered. Further support for this hypothesis is evident from literature data.

The electrochemistry of pyridine itself has been studied. Turner and Elving<sup>24</sup> reported that pyridine is oxidized irreversibly at 1.49 V vs. SCE in 0.1 M Li[ClO<sub>4</sub>] solution. Bulk electrolysis at 1.69 V produces the 2-pyridyl pyridinium ion. The reversible oxidation of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] at a potential more than 200 mV *lower* than for free pyridine argues strongly for a metal-centered oxidation. Studies completed by Pipes and Meyer<sup>25</sup> on the aqueous electrochemistry are also consistent with a 1-e<sup>-</sup> metal-centered oxidation. The bulk electrolyses of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrrpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3Medmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] also suggest 1-e<sup>-</sup> metal-centered processes.

**Infrared Spectroscopy.** Previous work has confirmed that the absorption at ~800 cm<sup>-1</sup> is due to the asymmetric O=Re=O stretch.<sup>26</sup> Noteworthy is the fact that this vibration does not vary considerably with changes in pyridine ligand basicity, implying that changes in the σ-properties of equatorial ligands do not perturb Re-O bond strengths.

The asymmetric metal-oxo stretch of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]I occurs at essentially the same energy as that of the tetrapyridine complex, indicating no significant change in metal-oxo bonding between the two complexes. For *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(diphos)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dppen)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], the metal-oxo stretch occurs at a considerably lower energy, (780 and 790 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) which suggests weaker O=Re=O bonding. This result is rather

surprising. Phosphorous ligands are typically poorer  $\sigma$ -donor ligands than heterocycles, and the Re-O bond strength might be expected to increase as a form of electronic compensation. Perhaps there is some steric interaction between the PPh<sub>3</sub> phenyl groups and the oxo ligands that causes a net bond weakening.

**Absorption Spectroscopy and Electronic Structure.** In order to interpret the UV-vis spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes, it is necessary to consider the generalized MO scheme<sup>27,28</sup> in Figure 3.24. The lowest energy band common to all *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes has been assigned to a singlet LF transition,  $^1A_{1g}[(b_{2g})^2] \rightarrow ^1E_g[(b_{2g})^1(e_g)^1]$ . The single-crystal polarized absorption and emission studies on the compounds *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>][BPh<sub>4</sub>], *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(en)<sub>2</sub>]Cl, and *trans*-K<sub>3</sub>[ReO<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>4</sub>] strongly support this assignment.<sup>28</sup> The positions and extinctions of the  $^1A_{1g} \rightarrow ^1E_g$  bands for several previously studied<sup>23,26,28-31</sup> *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes are summarized in Table 3.6. The low extinction coefficients arise because these transitions are Laporte-forbidden and must acquire intensity by vibronic coupling. In the pyridine complex, the absorption is appreciably stronger due to intensity stealing from an adjacent charge-transfer transition. The corresponding triplet absorptions are very weak and acquire intensity through spin-orbit coupling mechanisms.<sup>28</sup>

Table 3.6. Band positions for the  $^1A_{1g}[(b_{2g})^2] \rightarrow ^1E_g[(b_{2g})^1(e_g)^1]$  transition for several *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes in aqueous solution.

compound	band position, nm ( $\epsilon$ )
<i>trans</i> -[ReO <sub>2</sub> (py) <sub>4</sub> ]Cl <sup>a</sup>	445 (1240)
<i>trans</i> -[ReO <sub>2</sub> (en) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sup>b</sup>	439 (27.5), 550sh (6) <sup>d</sup>
<i>trans</i> -[ReO <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]Cl <sup>a</sup>	445, 550sh <sup>d</sup>
<i>trans</i> -K <sub>3</sub> [ReO <sub>2</sub> (CN) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>c</sup>	420 (30), 505(4) <sup>d</sup>

<sup>a</sup>ref 29 <sup>b</sup>ref 31 <sup>c</sup>ref 30 <sup>d</sup>corresponding triplet absorption

Figure 3.23. Time-lapse UV-vis absorption spectrum of the decomposition of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> back to *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 0.1 M TBAH CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. Scan intervals were 2, 2, 2, 13, and 22 min respectively. The last scan represents the absorption spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>.

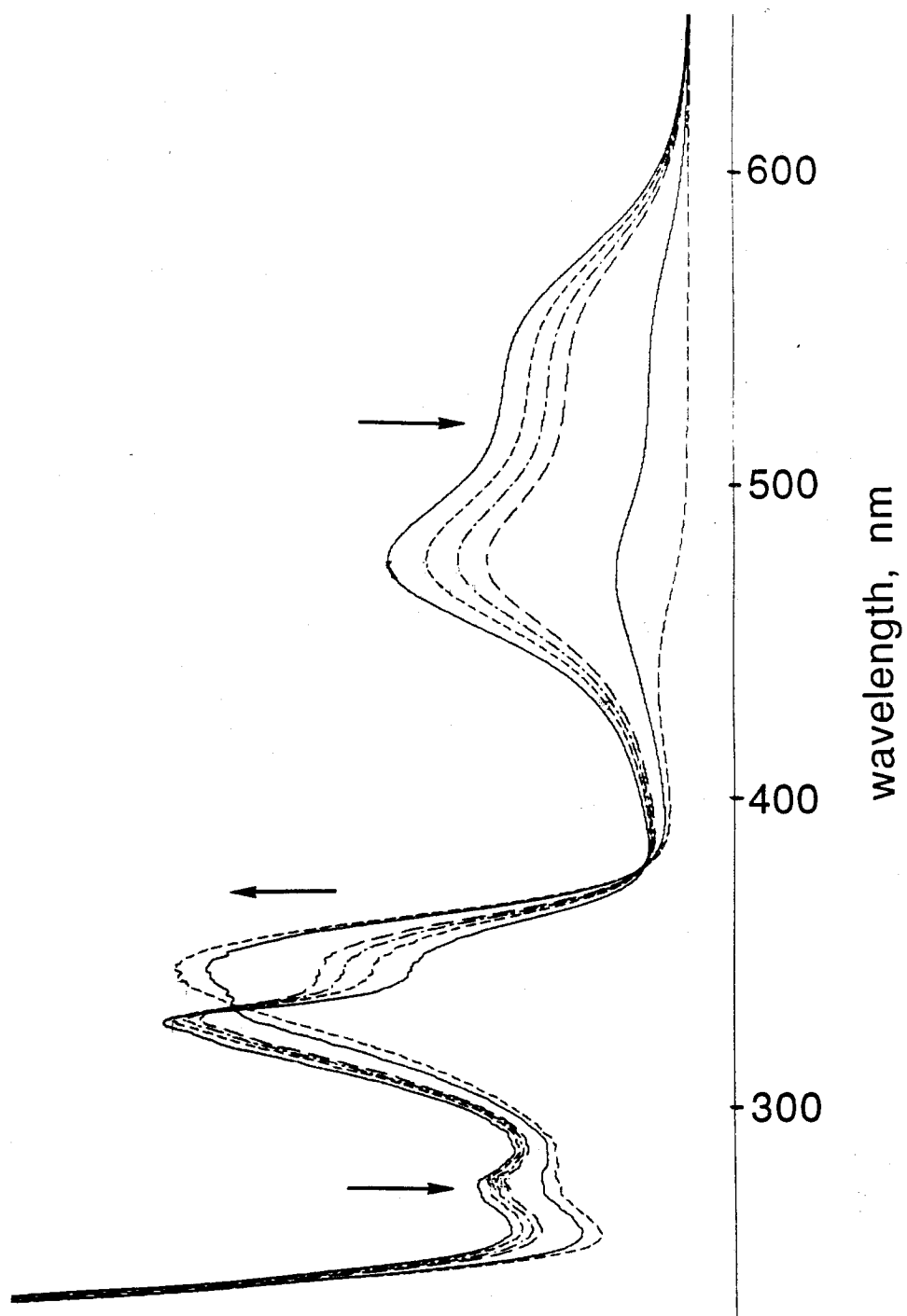
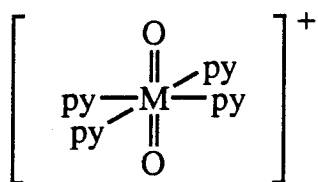
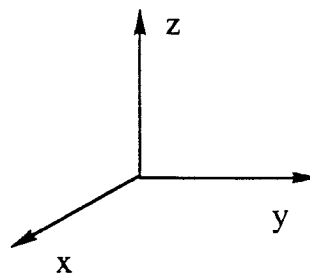
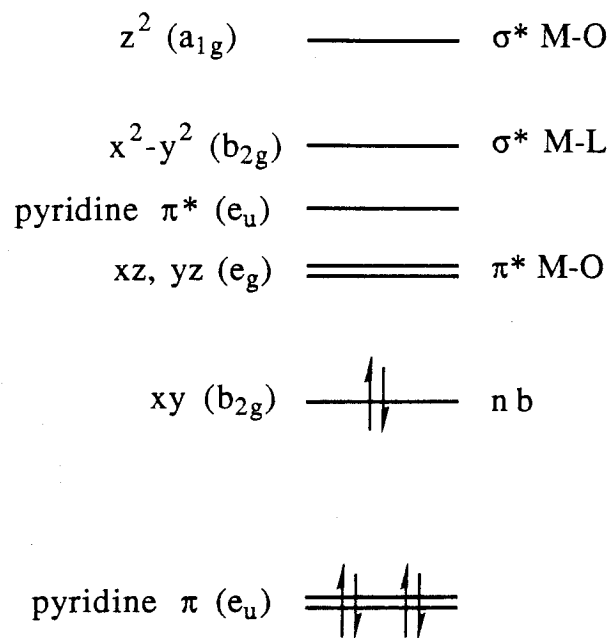


Figure 3.24. MO diagram for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes. The absolute positions of the energy levels are *not* shown. The a<sub>2g</sub> and b<sub>2g</sub> pyridine π (π\*) levels have been omitted for clarity.



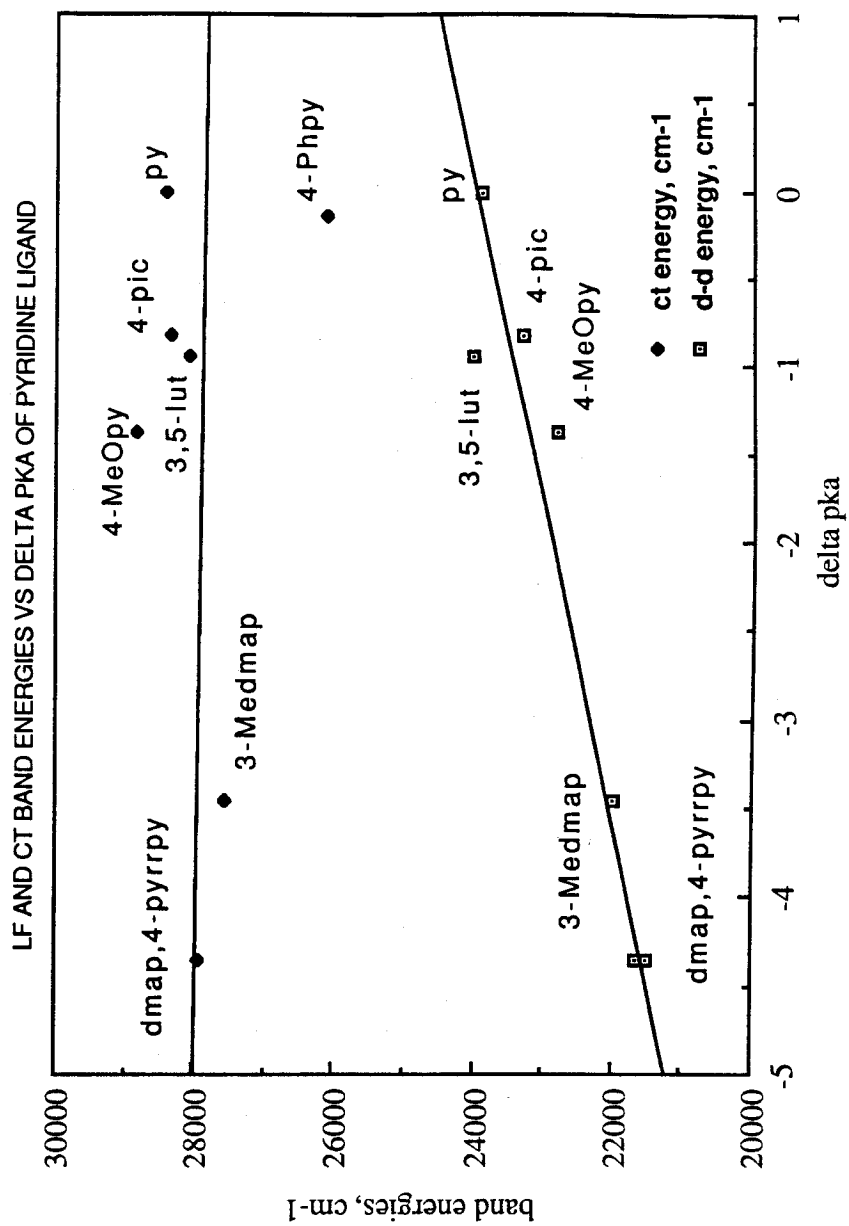


The energy of the  ${}^1A_{1g}[(b_{2g})^2] \rightarrow {}^1E_g[(b_{2g})^1(e_g)^1]$  transition for each member of the tetrapyridine family is plotted against  $\Delta pK_a$  of the free pyridine ligand<sup>5</sup> in Figure 3.25. Note that there is a linear relationship between the  $\Delta pK_a$  of the pyridine ligand and the band energy. The linear least-squares fit gives  $E_{LF} = (23,960 + 555 \Delta pK_a) \text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $R = 0.96$ ). This demonstrates that the rhenium center is directly influenced by the  $\sigma$ -donor strength of the pyridine ligand. The  $d_{xy}$  orbital is raised in energy as the pyridine ligand basicity increases. The absolute energy of the  $e_g$  ( $d_{xz}, d_{yz}$ ) level is primarily determined by the amount of mixing between the rhenium  $d_{xz}, d_{yz}$  and the 2  $p_x, p_y$  orbitals of the oxo ligand, and, therefore, this level does not vary appreciably with changes in the  $\sigma$ -properties of the equatorial ligands. As a result, the  $d_{xy}/d_{xz}, d_{yz}$  energy gap is reduced, and the LF transition moves to the red as the pyridine ligand becomes more basic.

All *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> pyridine complexes exhibit an intense band ( $\epsilon > 19,000 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) to slightly higher energy of the LF transition described above. This absorption has been assigned to either LMCT<sup>32</sup> (oxo to rhenium) or MLCT<sup>23</sup> ( $d_{xy}$  to pyridine  $\pi^*$ ). The rationale for the former has been that the high oxidation state of rhenium should promote reductive charge transfer. Others have argued MLCT on the basis of the blue shift in band energy that occurs upon oxo protonation.<sup>25</sup> Several arguments exist in favor of the MLCT assignment. These will be considered sequentially below.

Strong evidence comes from the observations of pyridine substituent effects on band energies and intensities. It is instructive to compare the UV-vis spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-Phpy)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. In the 4-phenylpyridine complex, the CT band is more intense ( $\epsilon \sim 37,000$  vs.  $\epsilon \sim 22,000 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and occurs at a lower energy than for the pyridine complex ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 383 \text{ nm}$  vs.  $352 \text{ nm}$ ). Analogous behavior has been observed in the pair of complexes [Ru(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub>(py)]<sup>2+</sup> and [Ru(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub>(4-Phpy)]<sup>2+</sup>, where the intense absorption in the visible region has also been assigned to MLCT (Ru  $t_{2g} \rightarrow$  pyridine  $\pi^*$ ).<sup>33</sup> The band positions in the Ru complexes are seen at 408 and 446 nm, respectively. The differences in CT energies between the pyridine and 4-phenylpyridine

Figure 3.25. Plot of  ${}^1A_{1g}[(b_{2g})^2] \rightarrow {}^1E_g[(b_{2g})^1(e_g)^1]$  and MLCT transitions for *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L})_4]^+$  pyridine complexes as a function of  $\Delta\text{pK}_a$  of free L. Lines drawn are the results of linear least-squares fitting. Note the lack of correlation for MLCT data:  $E_{\text{MLCT}} = (27,840 - 27.6 \Delta\text{pK}_a) \text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $R = 0.06$ ).



complexes are almost identical for both the Ru and Re systems: 2100 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 2300 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The red shift can be attributed to the lowering of the pyridine  $\pi^*$  orbital energy due to phenyl ring conjugation, which also increases the intensity. Both of these effects, the lowering in energy and increase in intensity of MLCT bands, have been observed<sup>34</sup> in *o*-phenanthroline complexes of Cu(I). In this case, it has been argued that the higher intensity results from an increase in transition-moment dipole length.

The results of the electrochemical measurements also support a MLCT assignment. All pyridine complexes exhibit a 1-e<sup>-</sup> oxidation between 0.4 and 1.3 V (SSCE) indicating the electron richness of the Re center. No reversible reductive waves are apparent in any of the complexes. Empirically, it has been found that the direction of charge transfer in coordination complexes is consistent with the observed redox chemistry of the metal center: Where CT transitions occur, complexes containing metal centers that are easily reduced exhibit LMCT bands, while easily oxidizable centers participate in MLCT behavior. The redox behavior of Re in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes is consistent with an MLCT assignment.

In order to account for the intensity of this transition, the metal and ligand orbitals involved must be examined in more detail. It is inaccurate to view the MLCT transition as occurring from d<sub>xy</sub> to a single pyridine  $\pi^*$  level, since there are four pyridine ligands present in the complex. The energetically proximal orbitals of the pyridine ligand<sup>35</sup> are shown in Figure 3.26. From this diagram, it is clear that the  $\pi^*$  orbital relevant to the problem is 3B<sub>1</sub>, as it has orbital density on the nitrogen atom. The 4B<sub>1</sub> ( $\pi^*$ ) orbital also satisfies this criterion, but it is too high in energy to be important. The appropriate linear combinations for equatorial  $\pi^*$  orbitals in D<sub>4h</sub> symmetry have been previously derived.<sup>36,37</sup> The four pyridine  $\pi^*$  orbitals transform as a<sub>2g</sub>, b<sub>2g</sub>, and e<sub>u</sub>, as shown schematically in Figure 3.27. Thus, instead of one MLCT transition in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, there are actually three: A<sub>2g</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>2</sup>] → B<sub>1g</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>(a<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>], A<sub>2g</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>2</sup>] → A<sub>1g</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>] and A<sub>2g</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>2</sup>] → E<sub>u</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>(e<sub>u</sub>)<sup>1</sup>]. The first two transitions are Laporte-

forbidden ( $g \rightarrow g$ ) and would be expected to be weak in intensity; the last should be fully allowed ( $g \rightarrow u$ ) in  $D_{4h}$ . A favorable spatial overlap also accounts for the large intensity of the  $A_{2g}[(b_{2g})^2] \rightarrow E_u[(b_{2g})^1(e_u)^1]$  transition.

Finally, it should be noted that there are now several examples of MLCT transitions occurring from electron-rich metal complexes to vacant  $\pi^*$  levels of pyridine ligands. A metal  $\rightarrow$  pyridine  $\pi^*$  transition has been identified in the following complexes:<sup>33,38-46</sup>  $[\text{Ir}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{py})]^{3+}$ ,  $[\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{py})]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{Os}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{py})]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5(\text{py})]^{3-}$ ,  $[\text{Ru}(\text{CN})_5(\text{py})]^{3-}$  and  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{py})$ .

There are two observations that can be used to rule out a LMCT assignment. If the CT transition was associated with the oxo functionality, then this band should occur in the same region for all *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L})_4]^+$  complexes exhibiting similar reduction potentials. An intense band in the vicinity of 350 nm is conspicuously absent from the UV-vis spectra of the complexes *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2]\text{Cl}$  and *trans*- $\text{K}_3[\text{ReO}_2(\text{CN})_4]$  (see Table 3.7), which are reduced at potentials similar to that of *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]^+$ .<sup>25</sup>

Table 3.7. UV-visible data for *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2]\text{Cl}$ , and *trans*- $\text{K}_3[\text{ReO}_2(\text{CN})_4]$  in aqueous solution. Band positions are given in nm and their associated extinctions are enclosed in parentheses.

complex	band positions	ref
<i>trans</i> - $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2]\text{Cl}$	205(18,500); 255(1070); 276sh(630); 439(27.5); 550sh(6.0)	31
<i>trans</i> - $\text{K}_3[\text{ReO}_2(\text{CN})_4]$	223(12,300); 272(1300); 298(380); 420(30); 505(4)	30

Figure 3.26. Energetically proximal  $\pi$ - and  $\pi^*$ -orbitals of the pyridine ligand (reproduced from ref 35).

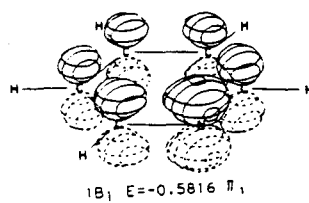
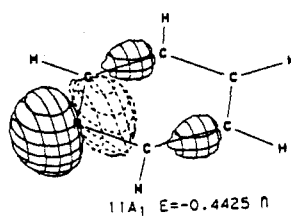
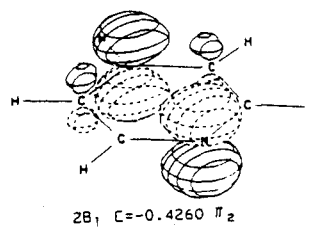
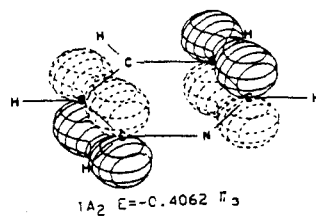
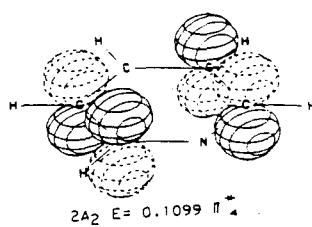
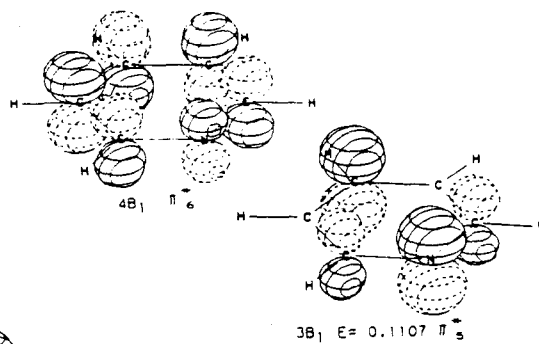
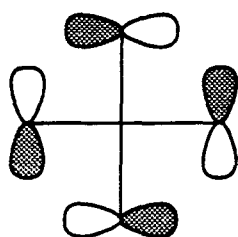
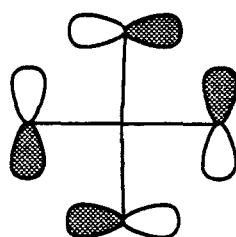
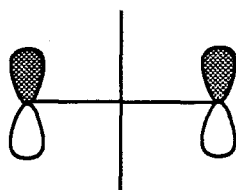
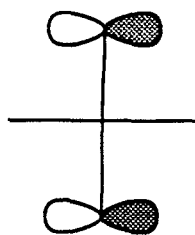
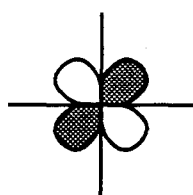
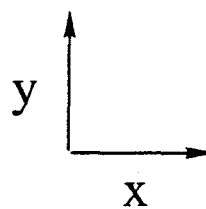




Figure 3.27. Linear combinations of the pyridine  $\pi^*$ -orbitals relevant to the  $d_{xy} \rightarrow \pi^*$  MLCT transition in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] compounds.

 $a_{2g}$  $b_{2g}$  $e_u$  $\text{Re } d_{xy}$ 

It is also significant that reduction in non-aqueous solution is only observed at very negative potentials ( $\sim -1.8$  V vs. SSCE). This makes reductive charge-transfer unlikely in these systems.

Technetium analogues of some of the *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> pyridine complexes have been prepared and their UV-vis spectra reported.<sup>47-49</sup> The strong band in the vicinity of 310 nm has been assigned to oxo-to-metal charge transfer based upon the observation that the band energies were insensitive to changes in ancillary ligands. This same observation in the Re complexes can be explained by considering the two phenomena that occur on proceeding from pyridine to more electron-rich pyridines. As the donor strength of the ligand increases, the  $\pi^*$  levels in the pyridine ligands also rise in energy.<sup>45</sup> The Re  $d_{xy}$  orbital also rises in energy due the increase in electron density at the Re center from stronger pyridine  $\sigma$ -donation. These two effects operate in the same direction so that the net change in  $d_{xy}/d_{yz}, d_{xz}$  gap is near zero. As a result, the MLCT transitions vary little in energy from complex to complex.

Recall that the biggest shift in MLCT energy was between pyridine and 4-phenylpyridine complexes. The pKa's of the free ligands, the emission maxima of the corresponding *trans*-dioxorhenium complexes, and the potentials of the Re(VI)/Re(V) couples indicate that the  $\sigma$  properties of the two ligands are essentially identical. If the transition was LMCT, a dramatic change in transition energy would not be expected. The large red shift that *does* occur (34 nm) allows us to dismiss forever the possibility of low energy oxo-to-metal charge transfer in these systems.

In four of the *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> pyridine complexes (L = py, 4-pic, 3,5-lut, and 4-MeO), there is a medium intensity band to slightly higher energy ( $\sim 280$  nm) of the MLCT transition. This band lies to lower energy than anything observed in the spectra of the associated free ligands and must therefore involve the rhenium center. Some information on the nature of this band can be obtained from the UV-vis spectrum of a frozen 5:1

methanol/ethanol glass solution of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]I (Figure 3.28). Note that like the low energy LF transition, the 280 nm band exhibits vibrational progressions similar in energy to the symmetric O=Re=O stretch of the <sup>3</sup>E<sub>g</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>(e<sub>g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>] excited state (~800 cm<sup>-1</sup>). This indicates that the excited state created by the transition induces a large displacement along the O=Re=O coordinate. The LF transition <sup>1</sup>A<sub>1g</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>2</sup>] → <sup>1</sup>B<sub>2g</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>(a<sub>1g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>] (d<sub>xy</sub> → d<sub>z</sub><sup>2</sup>), would be expected to induce a large distortion in the O=Re=O unit because of population of a formally Re-O σ-antibonding level (see Figure 3.24). A similar band is seen in the complexes *trans*-K<sub>3</sub>[ReO<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>4</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(en)<sub>2</sub>]Cl at about 300 and 275 nm respectively (Table 3.7). The associated progressions are 770 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 800 cm<sup>-1</sup>. These bands have also been tentatively assigned to the <sup>1</sup>A<sub>1g</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>2</sup>] → <sup>1</sup>B<sub>2g</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>(a<sub>1g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>] (d<sub>xy</sub> → d<sub>z</sub><sup>2</sup>) transition.

It should be noted, however, that this assignment is in contrast to that predicted by Szterenber *et al.*<sup>30</sup> Using the SCCC MO method, these workers have calculated the orbital energies of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> which indicate that the d<sub>xy</sub> → d<sub>z</sub><sup>2</sup> transition would be located in the vacuum UV at about 196 nm. The 300 nm band of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> is assigned to a lower energy LF transition, <sup>1</sup>A<sub>1g</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>2</sup>] → <sup>1</sup>A<sub>2g</sub>[(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>(b<sub>1g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>] (d<sub>xy</sub> → d<sub>x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup></sub>). According to LF theory,<sup>50,51</sup> the difference in the one-electron orbital energies of the b<sub>1g</sub> and b<sub>2g</sub> levels is 10 Dq (Δ). Since both pyridine and ethylenediamine have approximately the same ligand field strengths,<sup>52</sup> the d<sub>xy</sub> → d<sub>x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup></sub> transition would be expected to occur at similar energies for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(en)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. Note that the band in question occurs at ~280 nm in *both* complexes. Furthermore, in the ethylenediamine and cyanide complexes, bands to slightly higher energy (255 and 272 nm, respectively) could be due to the d<sub>xy</sub> → d<sub>z</sub><sup>2</sup> transition (see Figure 3.29). The problem with assigning the 280 nm band to the d<sub>xy</sub> → d<sub>x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup></sub> transition is that it is difficult to rationalize why the transition would lead to distortion in the Re-oxo bonds. Population of the d<sub>x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup></sub> orbital should result in a significant lengthening in Re-py bonds, because it is formally Re-py σ-antibonding. Perhaps this does occur and as a result, the oxo-ligands move in closer

to compensate for the loss of electron density. Thus, oxo distortion could result indirectly from changes in electronic density at the Re center. That the extinctions of these LF bands are higher than expected ( $\epsilon \sim 500 - 5,000$ ) could be the result of intensity stealing from higher energy CT transitions. Until further studies are completed, however, the exact location of these higher lying ligand field transitions will remain in question. One way to attempt to locate the  $d_{xy} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$  transition in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> might be to photolyze the complex at different wavelengths and measure the amount of ligand exchange between pyridine and d<sub>5</sub>-pyridine. Population of the  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  would be expected to enhance the rate of this exchange relative to the corresponding dark reaction.

The remaining absorption band common to all of the pyridine complexes is found in the UV between 245 - 280 nm and varies with the identity of the pyridine ligand. Based upon comparisons with the free ligand spectra, this peak is assigned to an intraligand  $\pi-\pi^*$  transition. Similar assignments have been made for other pyridine metal complexes such as [Ru(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub>(py)]<sup>2+</sup>. The  $\pi-\pi^*$  transition energy of pyridine has been found<sup>45</sup> to be invariant among pyH<sup>+</sup>, [(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub>Ru(py)]<sup>2+</sup>, [(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub>Ru(py)]<sup>3+</sup>, [(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub>Os(py)]<sup>2+</sup>, [(CN)<sub>5</sub>Fe(py)]<sup>3-</sup>, and [(CN)<sub>5</sub>Fe(py)]<sup>2-</sup>.

All of the arguments put forth above were used to arrive at the assignments summarized in Table 3.8.

Table 3.8. UV-vis data and assignments for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> pyridine complexes in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. Band positions are given in nm with their associated extinctions enclosed in parentheses.

L=	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ pyridine	LF, $d_{xy} \rightarrow d_x^2 - y^2$ ( $d_z^2$ )	MLCT, $d_{xy} \rightarrow \pi^*$ pyridine	LF, $d_{xy} \rightarrow d_{xz}, d_{yz}$
py	248 (17,000)	279 (4,200)	352 (22,000)	418 (2,000)
4-Ph	266 (56,000)	obscured	383 (37,000)	obscured
4-pic	247 (16,000)	277 (4,400)	353 (32,000)	429 (2,000)
3,5-lut	258 (24,000)	275 (5,700)	356 (29,000)	416 (2,100)
4-MeOpy	227 (33,000)	281 (6,800)	347 (27,000)	438 (1,500)
3-Medmap	280 (38,000)	obscured	363 (42,000)	455 (2,600)
dmap	272 (47,000)	obscured	358 (37,000)	464 (2,300)
4-pyrrpy	273 (52,000)	obscured	353 (42,000)	465 (2,600)

The final point to be addressed in the electronic structure of the *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes is the lack of importance of  $\pi$ -backbonding in the Re-py bonding. There are several examples of this type of interaction in other metal systems.<sup>45,53,54</sup> The common features to these examples are that they contain very electron-rich metal centers (formal oxidation states of 2<sup>+</sup> or lower) and/or pyridine ligands with very electron-withdrawing substituents. Neither one of these conditions exist for the Re complexes. While the Re center is considerably electron-rich, there are only two d-electrons, and any back-bonding interaction would be attenuated by distribution among four pyridine ligands. Furthermore, electron-rich pyridines are poor  $\pi$ -acceptors, as indicated by the high MLCT transition energy known for [Fe(CN)<sub>5</sub>(4-NH<sub>2</sub>py)]<sup>2-</sup> (320 nm as compared to 362 nm for the pyridine complex).<sup>44</sup>

Figure 3.28. UV-vis spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]I in 5:1 CH<sub>3</sub>OH/CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH glass at 77 K. Peak positions in nm: (452, 438, 424, 410, 398); 352; (288, 282, 276). The two peaks at high energy are associated with the pyridine  $\pi$ - $\pi^*$  transition.

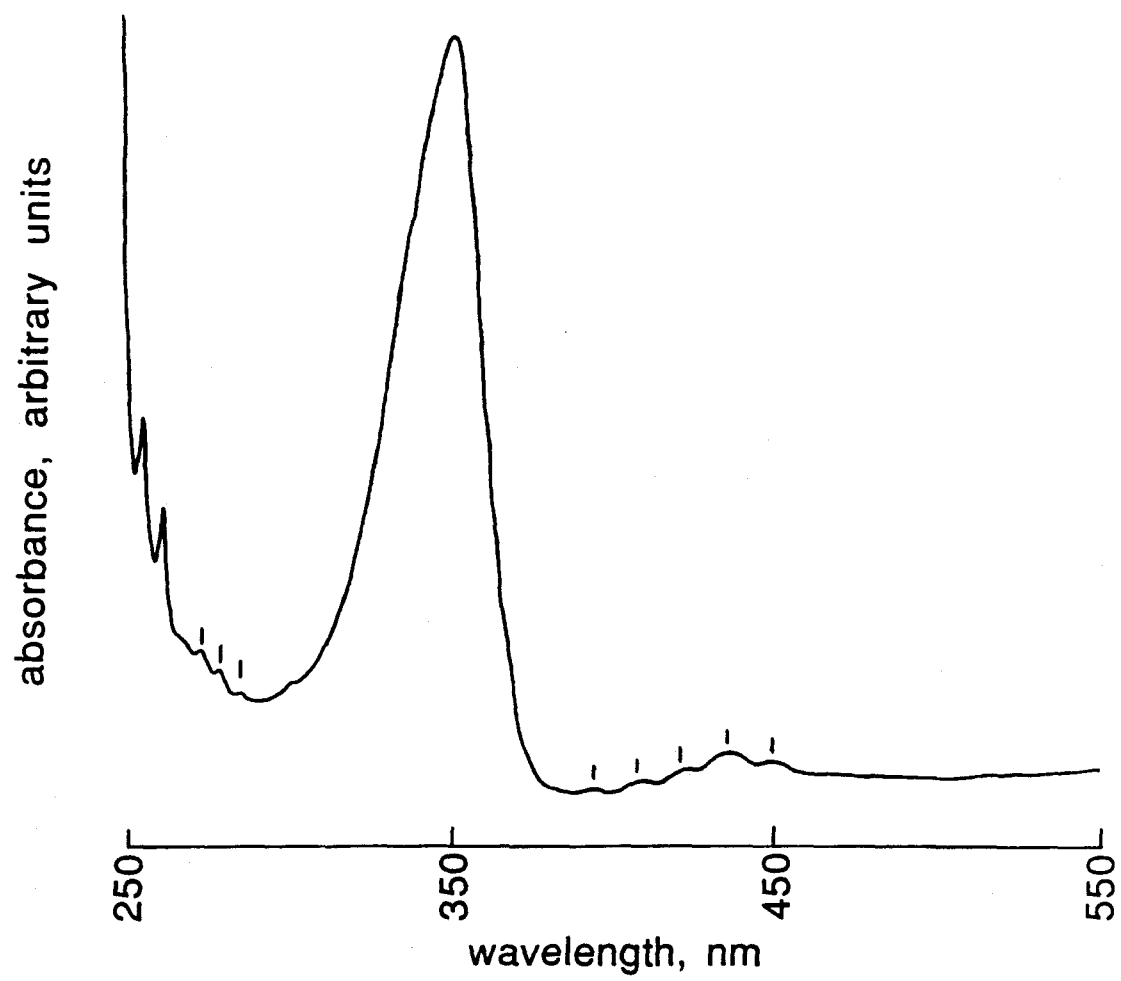
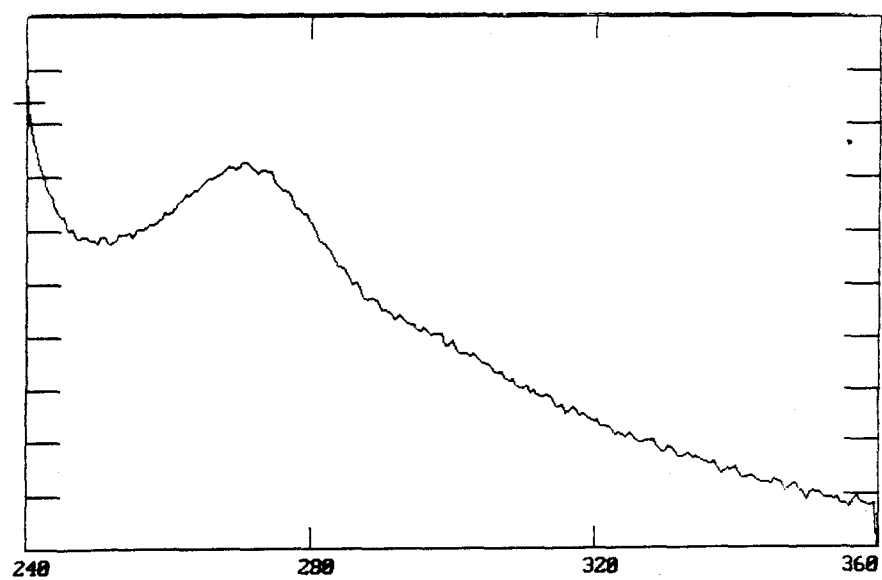
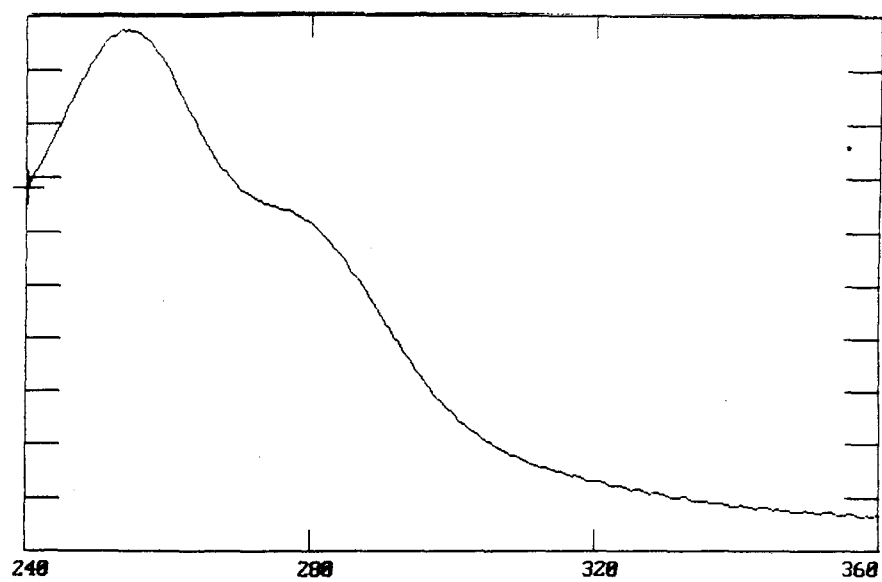




Figure 3.29. Ultraviolet spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(en)<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (top) and *trans*-K<sub>3</sub>[ReO<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>4</sub>] (bottom) in dilute aqueous solution.



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Any substantial  $\pi$ -interaction would be expected to perturb the  $\pi^*$  levels of the pyridine ligands as shown by the MO diagram in Figure 3.30. This in turn would result in a blue shift in the intra-ligand  $\pi$ - $\pi^*$  transition. In fact, just the opposite effect is observed; complexes containing the electron-rich pyridines exhibit intraligand transitions that are red-shifted (see Table 3.9). It is therefore unlikely that the Re-py bonds in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes contain any significant  $\pi$ -component. The observed red shifts of ligand  $\pi$ - $\pi^*$  transitions could be due to the repulsion of the filled  $\pi$  levels of pyridine by the pair of electrons in  $d_{xy}$ , resulting in a reduction of the  $\pi$ - $\pi^*$  energy gap.

Table 3.9. UV data for pyridine and some pyridine derivatives (CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution). The shifts of the  $\pi$ - $\pi^*$  transition energy upon metal coordination are given in the last column.

ligand	$\lambda_{\max}$ in nm	$\lambda_{\max}$ free – $\lambda_{\max}$ complexed (nm)
py	247sh, 251, 256, 262	-5
4-Phpy	250	16
4-pic	250sh, 255, 262sh	-8
3,5-lut	264sh, 268, 274sh	-10
4-MeOpy	216, 240sh	18
3-Medmap	203, 216sh, 262	18
dmap	256	16
4-pyrrpy	258	15

The UV-vis spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sup>+</sup> is qualitatively similar to that of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. The  $^1A_{1g}[(b_{2g})^2] \rightarrow ^1E_g[(b_{2g})^1(e_g)^1]$  transition cannot be resolved from the shoulder of the  $d_{xy} \rightarrow$  pyridine ( $\pi^*$ ) transition and therefore must be located somewhere < 400 nm. The MLCT transition occurs at 336 nm, which is  $\sim 1350 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

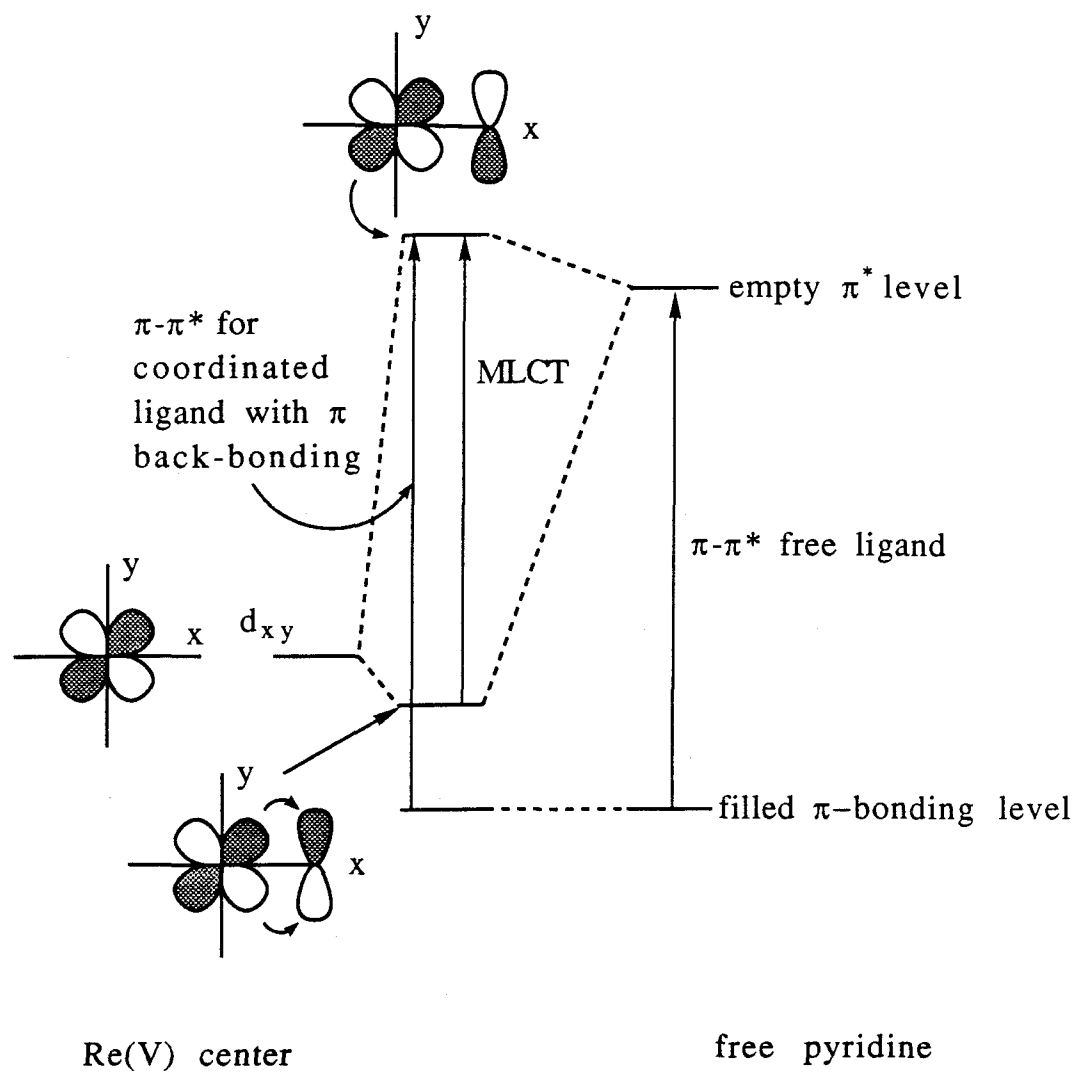
higher in energy than the corresponding transition in the tetrapyridine complex. The blue shifts observed for both the MLCT and LF transitions reflect the lower energy of the  $d_{xy}$  orbital which results from a decrease in electron density at Re brought about by the replacement of one pyridine ligand by  $PPh_3$ . The remaining band present at 244 nm is assigned to the  $\pi-\pi^*$  transition of the pyridine ligand.

The absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(diphos)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dppen)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] are not informative. The diphos complex consists of a shoulder at 220 nm and a strong absorption at 257 nm that extends out into the visible region. In the spectrum of the dppen complex no band maxima are evident but two shoulders in the ultraviolet region (228, 267 nm) can be resolved. These bands are likely due to intraligand  $\pi-\pi^*$  transitions of the phenyl groups and  $d_{xy} \rightarrow$  phosphine ( $\pi^*$ ) transitions.<sup>55-60</sup>

**Excited-State Properties.** The lowest-energy emitting state of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> has been unambiguously assigned as <sup>3</sup>E<sub>g</sub> [(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>(e<sub>g</sub>)<sup>1</sup>] by Winkler and Gray.<sup>28,61</sup> The emission spectra of this family of complexes are often highly structured in Re-oxo vibrational modes because of the large distortion that occurs along this coordinate upon relaxing to the more bonding ground state (<sup>1</sup>A<sub>1g</sub> [(b<sub>2g</sub>)<sup>2</sup>]).

The excited-state lifetime of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> is markedly affected by the deuteration of the pyridine rings, increasing from 14 to 64  $\mu$ s in acetonitrile solution (NOTE: These data were erroneously reported in a previous publication).<sup>28</sup> This result demonstrates that the excited-state of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> is weakly coupled to the ground state. Under these conditions, the excited-state decay rate is sensitive to the highest-energy vibrational modes present in the molecule.<sup>62</sup> The non-radiative decay rate constant,  $k_{nr}$ , exhibits an exponential dependence on the ratio of the transition energy to the energy of the highest frequency vibrational mode. As a result, it can be shown that  $\ln(k_{nr}) \propto E_{em}$ . This relationship is commonly referred to as the energy-gap law.<sup>63,64</sup>

Figure 3.30. MO diagram describing the interaction of the rhenium  $d_{xy}$  orbital with the  $\pi^*$  levels on the pyridine ligand (after ref 45).



In order to determine  $k_{nr}$ , it is necessary to know both the lifetime and emission quantum yield of the lowest energy excited state. If the emitting state is formed with unit efficiency, Equations 2 and 3 can be used to determine  $k_r$  and  $k_{nr}$ .<sup>63</sup>

$$\tau_o = (k_r + k_{nr})^{-1} \quad (2)$$

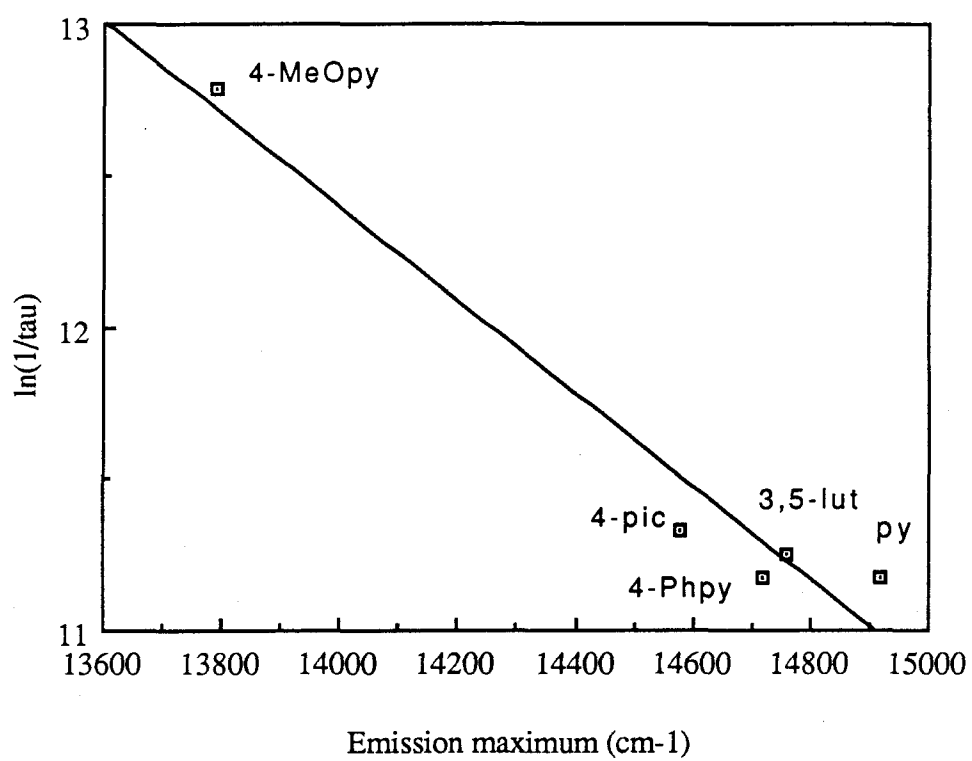
$$\Phi_{em} = k_r \tau_o \quad (3)$$

Unfortunately, the emission quantum yields for all of the *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] pyridine complexes are not known, so the energy gap law cannot be rigorously tested. For *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>],  $k_{nr}$  and  $k_r$  are 69,000 and 2,100 s<sup>-1</sup> (*vide infra*) indicating that the excited-state decay process is dominated by  $k_{nr}$ . Thus,  $k_{nr} \sim 1/\tau_o$  and a plot of  $\ln(1/\tau_o)$  for the pyridine complexes should exhibit a linear dependence on emission energy (see Figure 3.31). A linear least-squares analysis of the data yields a line with slope of 0.1537 and an intercept of 33,920 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $R = -0.97738$ ). Because of the lack of well distributed data points, it can only be concluded that the observed trend is consistent with that expected if *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] pyridine complexes rigorously obey the energy-gap law. The important point is that as the pyridine basicity increases, the lifetime and energy of the LF excited-state diminishes.

The fluid solution emission spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sup>+</sup> is similar to that of the tetrapyridine complex with a maximum at slightly higher energy (15,150 vs. 14,920 cm<sup>-1</sup>). The most striking feature is that unlike the tetrapyridine complex, the 77 K emission spectrum is highly structured in *both* metal-oxo and metal-pyridine vibrations. Resolution of this degree is only observed in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> at 5 K.<sup>28</sup> The reason for this difference is unknown. It is curious that the metal-oxo mode present in the low temperature spectrum is 100 cm<sup>-1</sup> higher in energy than that of the tetrapyridine complex. Infrared measurements indicated that the asymmetric O=Re=O mode is almost identical in

Figure 3.31. Plot of  $\ln(1/\tau_0)$  vs.  $E_{\text{em}}$  for luminescent *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> pyridine complexes.





energy for the two complexes; it is not clear why the symmetric mode should occur at a higher energy in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sup>+</sup>.

Finally, it should be noted that the excited state lifetime of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sup>+</sup> is an order of magnitude shorter than that of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. The origin of this change can be determined by calculating the radiative and non-radiative rate constants using Equations (2) and (3). For *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> ( $\tau_0 = 14 \mu\text{s}$  and  $\Phi = 0.03$ ),  $k_{\text{nr}} = 6.9 \times 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $k_r = 2.1 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . For *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sup>+</sup> ( $\tau_0 = 1.5 \mu\text{s}$  and  $\Phi = 0.003$ ),  $k_{\text{nr}} = 6.6 \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $k_r = 2 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Thus, the changes in excited state lifetime result from an dramatic increase in the rate of non-radiative processes. This is likely due to the increase in the number of accepting vibrational modes provided by the phosphine ligand.

The excited-state properties of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(diphos)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dppen)<sub>2</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] are disappointing. These complexes show emission in the solid state and in rigid media but not in fluid solution. Presumably, this behavior is due to several extremely efficient deactivation processes. The energy of the emission for the complexes (15,100 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 16,170 cm<sup>-1</sup>) is higher than that observed for the pyridine complexes, as expected from the replacement of pyridine ligands with a more poorly donating set of equatorial ligands. The reduction in electron density at Re should lower the energy of the d<sub>xy</sub> orbital, and thus increase the d<sub>xy</sub>/d<sub>xz</sub>,d<sub>yz</sub> gap. The lack of significant emission in fluid solution was disappointing as it was hoped that lowering the energy of the d<sub>xy</sub> orbital might render these excited states highly oxidizing.

**Transient Absorption (TA) Spectra.** In order to gain further insight into the electronic structures of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] pyridine complexes and to determine excited-state lifetimes for non-emissive complexes, the absorption spectra of the excited states of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-Phpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medamp)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] were measured (Figures 3.18 - 3.21).

The TA spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] has been previously measured.<sup>65</sup> The weak absorption feature observed at 500 nm was assigned to the LF transition (d<sub>xy</sub>)<sup>1</sup>(d<sub>xz</sub>,

$d_{yz})^1 \rightarrow (d_{xz}, d_{yz})^2$  based upon the observed energy of the band. The absorption and emission spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-Phpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] are similar to those observed for the pyridine complex, implying that the energy gap between the  $d_{xy}$  and  $d_{xz}, d_{yz}$  levels is similar for all three complexes. Thus, the weak features observed at ~ 500 nm in the TA spectra of the 4-phenylpyridine and 4-methoxypyridine complexes are also assigned to the  $(d_{xy})^1(d_{xz}, d_{yz})^1 \rightarrow (d_{xz}, d_{yz})^2$  transition. The additional band present in the 4-methoxypyridine complex at ~400 nm could be the result of concomitant occurrence of an LMCT absorption (*vide infra*) and the MLCT ground-state bleach. The excited-state lifetimes of these two complexes determined from recovery of the MLCT ground-state bleach were within experimental error of those determined by luminescence decay methods.

The TA spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medamp)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] show strong absorptions in the visible region that are comparable in  $\Delta$  O.D. to those observed for the MLCT ground-state bleaches. Their intensities and conspicuous absences from the TA spectra of the 4-phenylpyridine and 4-methoxypyridine complexes strongly suggest that they are LMCT in origin. LMCT transitions from 4-aminopyridine ligands to electron-deficient metal centers have literature precedence.<sup>44,66,67</sup> Sutton and Taube<sup>67</sup> have observed this behavior for [Ru(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub>(4-NH<sub>2</sub>py)]<sup>3+</sup>, and Hrepic and Malin<sup>44</sup> made similar observations for [Fe(CN)<sub>5</sub>(4-NH<sub>2</sub>py)]<sup>2-</sup>. Both groups noted that LMCT is not observed for analogous complexes of pyridine, alkylpyridines or electron-poor pyridines. This band is expected to be intense in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes based upon the same arguments put forth earlier to explain the MLCT transition intensities (in this case the transition would be  $[(e_u)^4(b_{2g})^1(e_g)^1] \rightarrow [(e_u)^3(b_{2g})^2(e_g)^1]$ , which is also  $g \rightarrow u$ ). Additional support for this assignment will be presented in Chapter 4, where the spectra of the d<sup>1</sup> rhenium(VI) complexes *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> are presented. The latter complexes exhibit strong absorptions ( $\epsilon \sim 30,000$ ) at 752 and 699 nm, respectively, that have been assigned to LMCT transitions.

## CONCLUSIONS

Through systematic variation of the ancillary ligands in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], we have gained a detailed understanding of the electronic structure of this compound family and the role of ancillary ligands in defining their properties. The conclusions drawn from these studies are enumerated below.

1. The Re(VI)/Re(V) redox couple is a linear function of pyridine pK<sub>a</sub>. As the donor strength of the pyridine ligand increases, the Re(V) complexes become easier to oxidize. Oxidants as potent as Ce(IV) and as mild as the ferricenium ion are accessible via tuning of the ancillary ligands.

2. The d<sub>xy</sub>/d<sub>xz, yz</sub> energy gap is also a linear function of pyridine pK<sub>a</sub>; increasing the pyridine basicity lowers the energy of the d<sub>xy</sub> → d<sub>xz</sub>, d<sub>yz</sub> transition.

3. The excited-state properties of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] pyridine complexes follow trends consistent with the energy-gap law. As pyridine basicity increases, the excited-state energies and lifetimes decrease.

4. The energy of the asymmetric O=Re=O stretch is relatively insensitive to the σ-properties of the pyridine ligands, suggesting that the Re-O bond strengths are insensitive to electronic changes in the pyridine ligands. Phosphorous donor ligands (diphos and dppen) weaken Re-O bonds, but this could be due to steric and *not* electronic effects.

5. Pyridine complexes of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] have pronounced MLCT transitions, verifying that they are electron-rich systems.

6. Phosphorous donor ligands result in a larger d<sub>xy</sub>/d<sub>xz, yz</sub> gap, that is desirable for creating more energetic excited states. Unfortunately, these complexes also have larger non-radiative decay constants, resulting in excited states that are too short-lived to be useful as photochemical reagents.<sup>68</sup>

7. Through use of the strongly basic 4-dialkylaminopyridine ligands, we have shown that it is possible to stabilize the corresponding d<sup>1</sup> complexes of *trans*-dioxorhenium(VI).

In the following chapter, we will examine the electronic structures and reactivities of these species in greater detail.

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**Chapter 4.**  
**Syntheses, Characterization, and Electronic Structure**  
**of *trans*-Dioxorhenium(VI) Complexes.**

## INTRODUCTION

As discussed in Chapter 3, *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes exhibit reversible oxidations on the cyclic voltammetry time scale. In the absence of a proton source, no facile reduction chemistry is evident. *Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> pyridine complexes are electron-rich species, and thus, the important redox partners to these systems are their oxidized counterparts.

Earlier results indicated that the Re(VI) complex *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> was a potent oxidant towards silanes, halocarbons, secondary alcohols, and calf thymus DNA. Thorp *et al.* proposed that this activity resulted from the radical nature imparted to the oxo ligand upon metal oxidation.<sup>1,2</sup> *Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> was so reactive that it had but a fleeting existence, and the fate of the Re after substrate oxidation was unknown. As a result, the nature of the Re(VI) species and the mechanism of its action remained obscure.

The systematic ancillary ligand changes discussed in Chapter 3 revealed that stabilization of Re(VI) was possible through the use of strongly basic pyridine ligands. Bulk electrolysis on *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrrpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], a more soluble relative of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>], indicated that the corresponding Re(VI) complex was stable for long periods. Therefore, chemical methods of oxidation were sought in order to isolate the Re(VI) species.

In this chapter the synthesis, electronic structure, X-ray structure, EPR analysis, and chemical reactivity of the complex *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> are presented. This compound represents the first<sup>3</sup> isolated d<sup>1</sup> *trans*-dioxo species.

## EXPERIMENTAL

**Materials.** All chemicals were either of reagent grade or the best grade commercially available and used as received. Acetonitrile (Burdick and Jackson) was used as received for UV-vis experiments. Ferricenium hexafluorophosphate was synthesized as described below, using a modified version of the method reported by Jolly.<sup>4</sup>

**Physical Measurements. X-ray Structure Determination.** Ms. Kirby M. Slagle performed the X-ray structure determination as described below.

A prismatic crystal was mounted and centered on a CAD-4 diffractometer. Unit cell parameters and an orientation matrix were obtained by a least-squares calculation from the setting angles of 24 reflections with  $18^\circ < 2\theta < 40^\circ$ . Two equivalent data sets out to a  $2\theta$  of  $50^\circ$  were collected and corrected for absorption and a slight decay. An average background as a function of  $2\theta$  was used. Lorentz and polarization factors were applied, and the two data sets were then merged to yield the final data set.

Primary Weissenberg photographs indicated triclinic symmetry. The structure was successfully refined in space group  $P\bar{1}$  (#2) in which the sole Re atom must lie on a center of symmetry. Locations of the other non-hydrogen atoms were determined from a structure factor-Fourier calculation. Difference maps showed that the methyl groups were staggered with respect to the adjacent aromatic-ring hydrogen atom. Thus, calculated positions were used for the methyl hydrogen atoms as well as the aromatic-ring hydrogen atoms. All hydrogen atoms were given isotropic B values 20% greater than that of the attached carbon atom. No hydrogen parameters were refined. The complete least-squares matrix, consisting of coordinates and anisotropic thermal parameters for the non-hydrogen atoms and a scale factor, contained 241 parameters. A final difference Fourier map showed deviations ranging from  $-0.71$  to  $+1.41 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ . The largest peaks are due to absorption by the Re atom or disorder of the anion. The refinement converged with an  $R$ -factor of 0.0389 (0.0385 for  $F_o^2 > 3\sigma(F_o^2)$ ) and a GOF of 2.77 for all 3499 reflections.

Calculations were done with programs of the CRYM Crystallographic Computing System and ORTEP. Scattering factors and corrections for anomalous scattering were taken from a standard reference.<sup>5</sup>  $R = \sum |F_o - |F_c|| / \sum F_o$ , for only  $F_o^2 > 0$ , and goodness of fit  $= \left[ \sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n - p) \right]^{1/2}$ , where  $n$  is the number of data and  $p$  the number of parameters refined. The function minimized in least-squares was  $\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$ , where  $w = 1/\sigma^2(F_o^2)$ . Variances of the individual reflections were assigned based on counting statistics plus an additional term, 0.014I. Variances of the merged reflections were

determined by standard propagation of error plus another additional term,  $0.014 \langle I \rangle^2$ . The absorption correction was done by Gaussian integration over an 8 X 8 X 8 grid.

Transmission factors varied from 0.51 to 0.64.

**EPR Measurements.** Preliminary EPR measurements on solid samples of oxidized Re complexes were performed on a Varian E-line Century Series spectrometer (X-band,  $\sim 9.514$  GHz) at 0.05 - 1 mW power. Solid samples were packed in Kimax-51 (no. 34505) capillary tubes and placed inside standard quartz EPR tubes for placement into the instrument cavity. Low temperature measurements were conducted by Dr. H. H. Thorp at Yale University. Reagent grade dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) and Millipore water were used. Dilute ( $\sim 10$   $\mu$ M) solutions in glassing solvents or mixtures were required for resolution of the hyperfine lines. More concentrated solutions gave a single derivative signal at  $g \sim 1.91$ . EPR spectra were recorded on a home-built EPR spectrometer equipped with an Oxford Instruments ESR-900 liquid-helium cryostat. This instrument has been described in detail elsewhere.<sup>6</sup> Simulation of EPR spectra was performed using PROGRAM QPOW, written by R.L. Belford, A.M. Maurice, and M.J. Nilges.<sup>7</sup>

**Syntheses.** All *trans*-dioxorhenium(V) pyridine complexes used were synthesized according to the methods described in Chapter 2.

**Ferricenium Hexafluorophosphate, [Fc][PF<sub>6</sub>].** Ferrocene (0.51 g, 2.7 mmol) was placed in a 50-mL Erlenmeyer flask. Concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (10 mL) was measured out in a dry graduated cylinder and added to the above. After stirring the suspension for 15 min, it became a homogeneous deep red-violet solution. After stirring for an additional 20 min, the solution was *slowly* poured into 150 mL of distilled water. After agitating for 15 min, the deep red-purple solution was passed through a 15-mL medium-porosity sintered-glass frit. This failed to remove the small amount of sulfur present, so the filtration was repeated using a 15-mL fine-porosity sintered-glass frit. The filtration was conducted over a 20 min period. KPF<sub>6</sub> (1.0 g, 5.4 mmol) was added to the filtrate with vigorous stirring. The opaque mixture was placed in a refrigerator (4 °C) and left to stand for 1.5 h. After

this period, 215 mg of a dark purple microcrystalline solid was collected on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit. It was washed with 5 X 15 mL of diethyl ether, 2 X 15 mL of pentane and aspirated to dryness (1 h). Additional  $\text{KPF}_6$  (5.0 g, 27 mmol) was added to the mother liquor. The flask was sealed and left to stand in a refrigerator (4 °C) overnight. The following morning, the additional product that had formed was collected, washed with 3 X 15 mL of toluene, 6 X 15 mL of diethyl ether, and 2 X 15 mL of pentane, and aspirated to dryness (1 h). Combined yield of material: 630 mg, 69%. The compound was characterized by UV-vis spectroscopy (aqueous solution).<sup>8,9</sup>

*trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dmap})_4][\text{PF}_6]_2$ . Approximately 150 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was added to *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dmap})_4]\text{I}$  (1.125 g, 1.3 mmol) in a 250-mL Erlenmeyer flask; a small amount of solid remained undissolved. Addition of  $\text{Br}_2$  (0.5 mL, 5.2 mmol) resulted in the immediate formation of a deep green slurry. This was stirred for 10 min and then filtered through a coarse-porosity sintered-glass frit. The blue-green solid was washed with toluene (3 X 40 mL), diethyl ether (3 X 40 mL), and pentane (2 X 40 mL), and aspirated to dryness (10 min). The yield of crude product was 1.11 g, 95%.

The above material was placed in a 1000-mL Erlenmeyer flask and 600 mL of methanol was added. After vigorous stirring for 10 min, the deep blue solution was filtered by gravity (Whatman #1 filter paper) to remove a dark green-black residue.  $[\text{NH}_4][\text{PF}_6]$  (4.15 g, 25 mmol) was dissolved in 50 mL of methanol and filtered into the above solution. Upon contact, a microcrystalline, blue solid began to precipitate. After standing for 15 min, the solid was collected on a medium-porosity sintered-glass frit and washed successively with ethanol (3 X 15 mL), diethyl ether (3 X 15 mL), pentane (2 X 15 mL), and aspirated to dryness (1 h). The yield was 250 mg, 19%, based upon *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dmap})_4]\text{I}$ . Work-up of the remaining residues yielded another 100 mg of product.

Recrystallization was effected as follows. *Trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dmap})_4](\text{PF}_6)_2$  (250 mg, 0.25 mmol) was dissolved in 60 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and filtered (Whatman #1 filter paper) by gravity. Ethanol (25 mL) was added to the filtrate. The solvent volume was reduced on a rotary

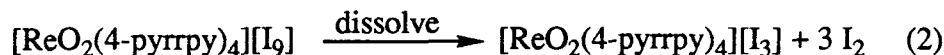
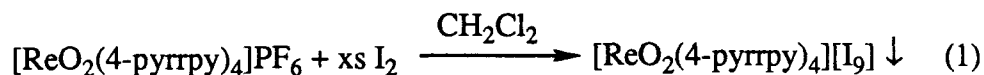
evaporator until the solution was colorless and a blue precipitate had formed. This was collected on a Büchner funnel and washed with 2 X 5 mL of ethanol, 2 X 5 mL of diethyl ether, and 2 X 5 mL pentane. After aspirating to dryness (1 h) the yield was 70 mg, 28%. Approximately 40 mg of this material was dissolved in 5 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN. One millilitre of this solution was placed in a 1-dram vial, and this was placed inside a 4-dram vial containing 2 mL of diethyl ether. The large vial was then sealed with a Teflon-lined cap. The assembly was allowed to stand in a dark cupboard for 1 week, after which time several rectangular-shaped crystals had formed. One of these was selected for X-ray structure analysis. *Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> is very soluble in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, moderately soluble in CH<sub>3</sub>OH, acetone, and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, slightly soluble in ethanol, and insoluble in diethyl ether, THF, and hydrocarbons. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>8</sub>F<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>Re: C, 33.74%; H, 4.04%; N, 11.24%. Found: C, 33.41%; H, 4.01%; N, 10.94%. UV-vis,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  in nm ( $\epsilon$ , M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>), CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution: 273 (59,000); 364 sh (28,000); 372 (35,000); 699 (27,000). IR ( $\nu_{\text{asym ReO}_2}$ ): 820sh cm<sup>-1</sup>.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Chemical Oxidations of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrrpy)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>.** Electrochemical measurements indicated that *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>](PF<sub>6</sub>) and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrrpy)<sub>4</sub>](PF<sub>6</sub>) were oxidized at 0.10 and 0.05 V vs. Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc, respectively. Using the value of 0.66 V vs. NHE for the Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc couple,<sup>10</sup> the potentials for the Re complexes are ~ 0.76 and ~ 0.71 V vs. NHE. This rough calculation was used to search for promising chemical oxidants by examining tables of standard reduction potentials.<sup>10</sup> Both substituted pyridine complexes were used in exploratory oxidation reactions as their redox properties were essentially identical. The 4-pyrrpy complex is more soluble than the dmap complex for the Re(V) state; the inverse is true for the corresponding Re(VI) compounds.

The first oxidant examined in detail was  $I_2$  ( $E_{1/2} \sim 0.534$  V vs. NHE). Although this appears to be a weaker oxidant than  $trans-[ReO_2(4-pyrrpy)_4]^{2+}$ , it was explored because of its mild nature. Of all the halogens, it would be least likely to react with the pyridine ring. This side reaction was of concern during early stages of this research. The oxidation potentials calculated for the Re complexes are also only estimates and could likely differ substantially from actual values due to solvation effects.

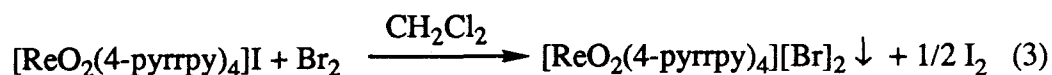
Several attempts were made to oxidize  $trans-[ReO_2(4-pyrrpy)_4]^+$  with  $I_2$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution. Each attempt was frustrated by erratic behavior of the resulting product. Upon addition of solid  $I_2$  to a  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution of  $trans-[ReO_2(4-pyrrpy)_4][PF_6]$ , a dark green slurry was obtained. A blue-green solid was isolated and its UV-vis spectrum in  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution was identical to that obtained after bulk electrochemical oxidations (see Chapter 3). Unfortunately, the complex was not stable in solution for long time periods. UV-vis spectroscopy revealed decreases in product band intensity with time in all organic solvents examined: acetone, THF,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ,  $CH_3CN$ , and ethanol. The time for total decomposition varied from experiment to experiment. It is possible that this erratic behavior was due to the proximity of the redox couple  $I_2/I^-$  to that of the  $ReO_2^{2+}/^+$ . When half-cell potentials differ by 100 mV or less, a redox buffering effect can occur. The oxidized complex was stable in the presence of excess oxidant, but upon isolation, reverted back to the Re(V) starting material. The infrared spectrum of the product obtained indicated that no  $PF_6^-$  was present. The elemental analysis suggested the composition  $trans-[ReO_2(4-pyrrpy)_4][I_9]$  (Anal. Calcd for  $C_{36}H_{48}N_8I_9O_2Re$ : C, 22.14%; H, 2.48%; N, 5.74%. Found: C, 22.02%; H, 2.55%; N, 6.00%). The counterion could consist of two triiodide anions along with an iodine molecule of crystallization. Thus, a possible sequence of reactions that may have occurred is as follows:



The combination of excess  $\text{I}_2$  and product insolubility would drive reaction (1) to the right. Upon redissolving the complex, comparatively little excess  $\text{I}_2$  is present and the reaction reverses, *i. e.*, the  $\text{Re(VI)}$  complex oxidizes the  $\text{I}^-$  counterions back to  $\text{I}_2$  and regenerates the  $\text{Re(V)}$  species.

It was also speculated that the instability might originate from the nucleophilicity of the  $\text{I}^-$  counterion. To test this hypothesis, oxidations were attempted with  $[\text{Fc}][\text{PF}_6]$ , which has a reduction potential similar to that of  $\text{I}_2$  (0.548 V vs. NHE). The  $\text{PF}_6^-$  anion is a non-nucleophilic species and, hence, was not expected to initiate any decomposition reactions. Unfortunately, reactions with  $[\text{Fc}][\text{PF}_6]$  were equally troublesome; the instability of this oxidant in organic solvents has been noted by others.<sup>11-13</sup> Based upon these results, it was concluded that a much stronger oxidant was required, one with a reduction potential well removed from that of the  $\text{Re(VI)}$  complexes.

Bromine ( $E_{1/2} \sim 1.1$  V vs. NHE) was the next oxidant to be explored. When excess  $\text{Br}_2$  was added to a  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution of *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dmap})_4]\text{I}$ , a blue-green solid precipitated. In this case, bromine was expected to oxidize both the complex and the iodide anion:



The material obtained was very soluble in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , alcohols and  $\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$ . It dissolved with reaction in acetone, THF, DMSO, butyronitrile, and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . A UV-vis spectrum of the crude material appeared similar to that of *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(4\text{-pyrrpy})_4]^{2+}$  synthesized by bulk electrolysis. Samples sent for elemental analysis gave results suggesting the



molecular formula was *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][Br<sub>x</sub>] where x = 7-9. This material was difficult to handle and often (unpredictably) decomposed to what appeared to be the Re(V) complex. For this reason, it was metathesized to the corresponding [PF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>-</sup> salt. During this process ~ 20% of the *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>x</sub>] complex could not be dissolved. The identity of this material and the reason for its recalcitrant behavior are unknown.

Curiously, the [PF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>-</sup> salt of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> was stable in organic solvents such as acetone and dichloromethane; the polyhalide salts decomposed in less than 5 min under identical conditions. When TBABr was added to an acetone solution of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, decomposition began immediately. The complex was also unstable to bases (OH<sup>-</sup>, amines, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, KHCO<sub>3</sub>) and to excess free ligand. Stability was greatest in methanol free of halides and basic agents.

After successful metathesis, *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOH mixtures using a rotary evaporator to slowly remove the more volatile CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The material obtained was then used for physical measurements. A single crystal suitable for X-ray structure analysis was grown by slow diffusion of diethyl ether into an CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution of the complex.

As discussed in the previous chapter, bulk electrolyses were performed on both *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] but only the former was stable on the time scale of the experiment. In the latter case, substantial decomposition was evident from the low yield (~40%) of the Re(V) product upon electrolytic reduction. Fortunately, both materials could be transiently characterized by UV-vis spectroscopy.

**Electronic Spectroscopy.** The UV-vis spectra of the three Re(VI) complexes *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pyrrpy)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>, *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>, and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(3-Medmap)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> are similar. The spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> presented in Figure 4.1 is representative. The spectrum of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> has already been presented in

Figure 4.1. UV-vis absorption spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (top) and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (bottom) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. The ordinate scale is in arbitrary absorbance units.

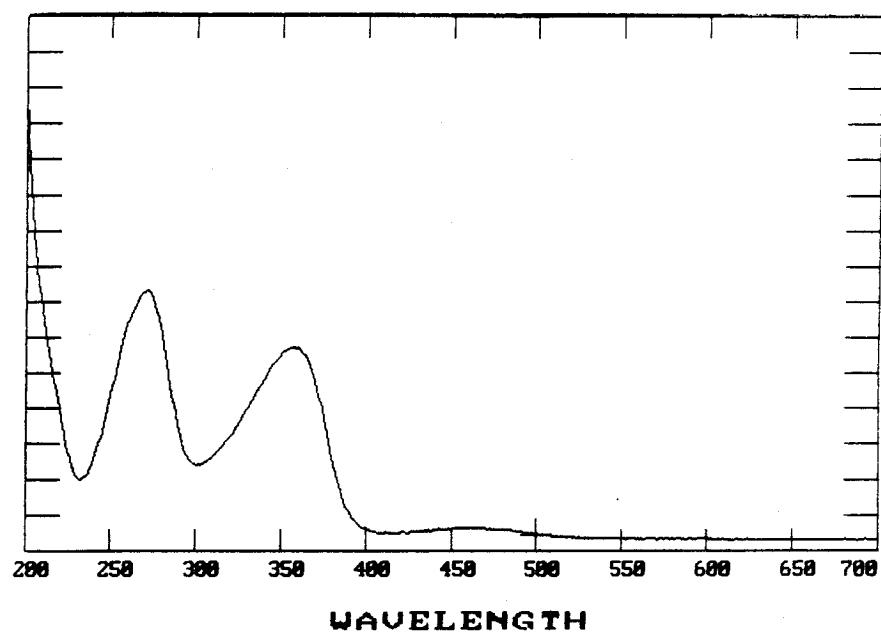
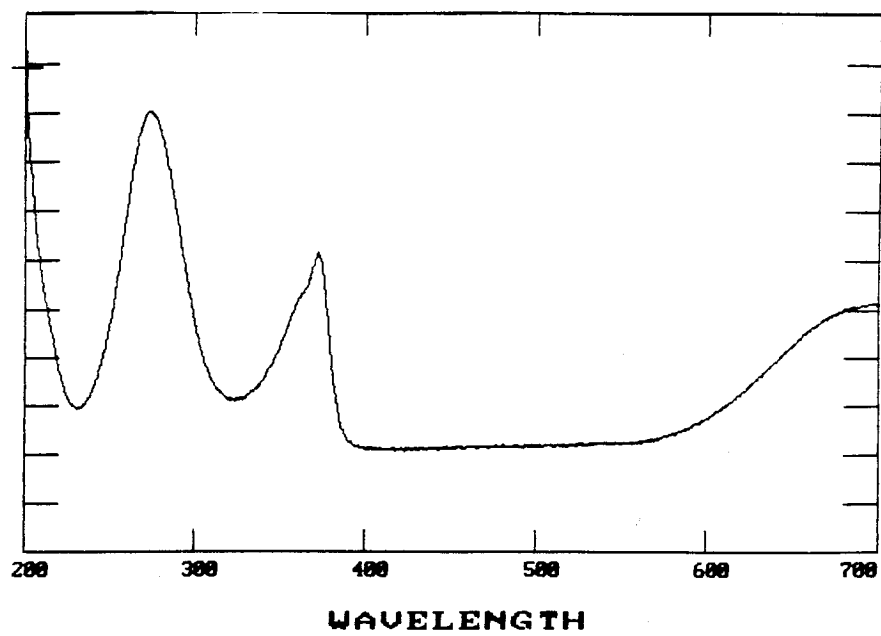


Figure 3.23 and is likely a composite of both the Re(V) and Re(VI) species. A summary of the data is set out in Table 4.1, along with selected absorption data for the corresponding Re(V) materials (for comparison). The band assignments are discussed below.

Table 4.1. Selected UV-vis absorption data of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> complexes. Except where otherwise indicated, measurements were made in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution. Roman numerals refer to the formal oxidation state of Re in the complexes.

L =	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ py	MLCT, $d_{xy} \rightarrow \pi^*$ py	LMCT, $\pi$ py $\rightarrow d_{xy}$
4-pyrrpy, (V)	273	353	
(VI) <sup>a</sup>	280	365 sh, 375	720
dmap, (V)	272	358	
(VI)	273	364 sh, 372	699
3-Medmap, (V)	280	363	
(VI) <sup>b</sup>	291	375 sh, 384	752
4-MeOpy (V)	227	347	
(VI) <sup>b</sup>	?	330	478, 530 sh

<sup>a</sup> 0.1 M TBAH CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution. <sup>b</sup> 0.1 M TBAH CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution.

All of the *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> pyridine complexes exhibit strong absorptions in the visible region ( $\epsilon > 10,000 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) that are too intense to be of LF origin. As in the case of the Re(V) complexes, all LF transitions are Laporte-forbidden ( $g \rightarrow g$ ) and therefore are expected to have low extinction coefficients. The most probable origin of these bands is

LMCT from the filled  $\pi$ -levels of the electron-rich pyridine ligands to the hole created in the  $d_{xy}$  orbital. The overlap and symmetry arguments put forth in the previous chapter to explain MLCT intensities apply equally here, the only difference being the direction of the charge transfer. Rigorously, the  $1-e^-$  transition is  $e_u$  ( $\pi$ ,  $\pi^b$ )  $\rightarrow$   $b_{2g}$  ( $d_{xy}$ ). Note again that this is Laporte-allowed ( $u \rightarrow g$ ) and hence will be intense. On this basis, the bands appearing at 720, 699, 752 and 478-530 nm for the complexes of 4-pyrrpy, dmap, 3-Medmap and 4-MeOpy, respectively, are assigned to LMCT. (The literature precedence for such an assignment was discussed in the previous chapter. See the section on transient absorption spectra.) The bands occurring in the near-UV have been assigned to MLCT because of their energetic proximity to MLCT bands of the corresponding Re(V) complexes.

Exactly where are the LF transitions? Obviously, they are obscured by one of the CT transitions, but which one? If one assumes that the  $1-e^-$  MO energies do not change as a result of Re oxidation (Koopman's Theorem), it is possible to calculate the approximate positions of the LF transitions based upon transition energies known for the corresponding Re(V) compounds. In the Re(V) systems, the energy of a given transition will be equal to the  $1-e^-$  MO energy splitting minus the difference in electron-repulsion energy between the two states. The  $2-e^-$  transition energies can therefore be expressed in terms of  $1-e^-$  energy level differences and repulsion energies. The repulsion energies for states derived from the  $D_{4h}$   $d^2$  case will be identical to those for the  $d^8$   $D_{4h}$  case from the electron pair/hole equivalence principle.<sup>14</sup> These repulsion energies were calculated by Gray<sup>15,16</sup> sometime ago. Using this information and referring to the definitions set out in Figure 4.2, the state energies summarized in Table 4.2 were calculated. From Table 4.2 it appears that the  $1-e^-$  transition  $d_{xy} \rightarrow d_{xz}, d_{yz}$  should appear to the blue of the corresponding transition in the  $d^2$  complex by  $(3B + C)$  or half the energy of the singlet-triplet gap in the  $d^2$  complex.

Figure 4.2. MO diagram for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes. The 1-e<sup>-</sup> orbital energies are given in classical LF notation<sup>17</sup> and in terms of empirical values.

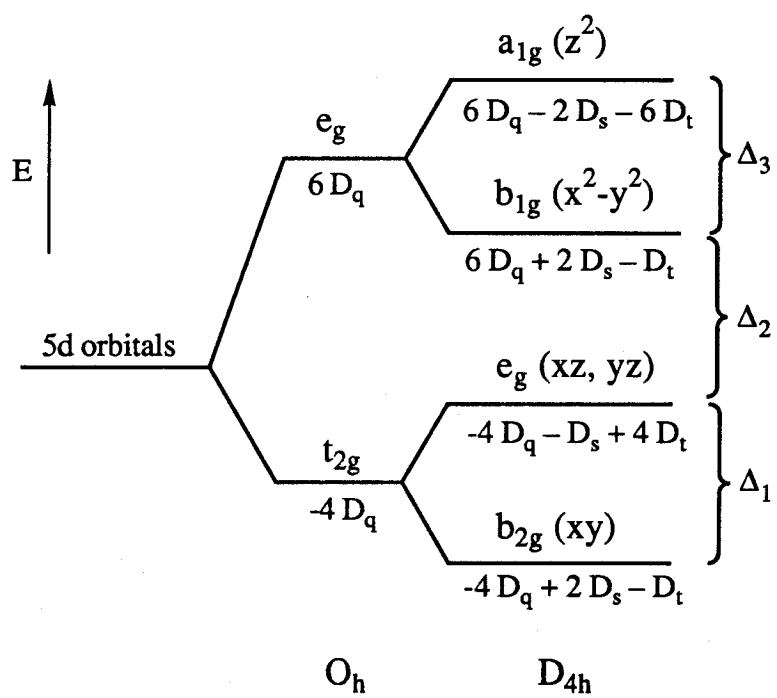


Table 4.2. State energies for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] complexes in terms of 1-e<sup>-</sup> MO energy differences and electron-electron repulsion energies.<sup>16,18</sup>

State	Energy in Racah Parameters	Energy in Slater-Condon Parameters
<sup>1</sup> A <sub>1g</sub>	0	0
<sup>3</sup> E <sub>g</sub>	$\Delta_1 - 3(3B + C)$	$\Delta_1 - 9F_2 - 60F_4$
<sup>1</sup> E <sub>g</sub>	$\Delta_1 - (3B + C)$	$\Delta_1 - 3F_2 - 20F_4$
<sup>3</sup> A <sub>2g</sub>	$\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 - 3C$	$\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 - 105F_4$
<sup>1</sup> A <sub>2g</sub>	$\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 - C$	$\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 - 35F_4$
<sup>3</sup> B <sub>2g</sub>	$\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_3 - 3(4B + C)$	$\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_3 - 12F_2 - 45F_4$
<sup>1</sup> B <sub>2g</sub>	$\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_3 - (4B + C)$	$\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_3 - 4F_2 - 15F_4$

From single-crystal studies completed by Winkler<sup>19</sup> on *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]BPh<sub>4</sub>, the singlet-triplet splitting of the E<sub>g</sub> term is known to be 3900 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Thus, the 1-e<sup>-</sup> transition d<sub>xy</sub> → d<sub>xz</sub>, d<sub>yz</sub> should appear at 22,500 + 1950 = 24,450 cm<sup>-1</sup> (~400 nm) for the pyridine complex. Based on this analysis, it is likely that all of the LF transitions for the other Re(VI) complexes are obscured by the high energy MLCT and π-π\* pyridine transitions.

What about the d<sub>xy</sub> → d<sub>x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup></sub> transition? Examination of the spectra of the ethylenediamine and pyridine *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes reveals that they both have an absorption in the vicinity of 270-280 nm. The transition energy of interest actually corresponds to the LF parameter 10 Dq. Since pyridine and ethylenediamine have approximately the same ligand field strength,<sup>20</sup> the 10 Dq values for the two complexes should be almost identical. Thus, the d<sub>xy</sub> → d<sub>x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup></sub> transition should occur at the same energy for both complexes. The results in Table 4.2 predict that the d<sup>1</sup> complex should



have the corresponding transition to the blue by an amount  $C$ . Thus, the  $d_{xy} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$  transition energy is at *least* at  $36,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\sim 280\text{ nm}$ ) in the Re(VI) complexes.

It is important to remember that the above arguments assume the  $1-e^-$  orbital energies are identical for the Re(V) and Re(VI) complexes. This might have some validity since the electron removed during the oxidation event is from a non-bonding level. Gross changes in bond lengths and angles are therefore not expected; this is born out by the results of an X-ray structure determination of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.

**X-ray structure of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.** An X-ray structure determination was successfully carried out for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> by Ms. Kirby M. Slagle. The results are summarized in a series of figures and tables. A crystallographic data summary, final non-hydrogen parameters, and a list of selected bond lengths and angles are provided in Tables 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5, respectively. All other data pertaining to this structure have been collected in an appendix at the end of this thesis. An ORTEP diagram showing the gross structural features and the atomic numbering scheme used are given in Figures 4.3 and 4.4, respectively. A view of the structure looking down the O=Re=O axis is provided in Figure 4.5, and finally, the relative orientation of the complex and its counterions is illustrated in the unit cell diagram of Figure 4.6. A brief description of the structure is now presented.

The octahedrally coordinated Re atom lies on a crystallographic center of symmetry (Figure 4.6); the two oxo ligands are axial and the four pyridyl nitrogen atoms are equatorial. The Re-O bond is  $1.764(4)\text{ \AA}$ ; the Re-N11 and Re-N21 bonds are  $2.108(4)\text{ \AA}$  and  $2.120(5)\text{ \AA}$ , respectively. The O-Re-N11 and the O-Re-N21 angles are both  $90.0(2)^\circ$ ; the N11-Re-N21 angle is  $91.9(2)^\circ$ . The dmap ligands are nearly perpendicular to the equatorial plane (Figure 4.5); the angles between the pyridine rings and the plane defined by the Re and four pyridyl nitrogen atoms are  $93.6(3.1)^\circ$  and  $94.3(3.1)^\circ$ . The amino nitrogen atoms are trigonal planar; the sums of the angles about the nitrogen atom are  $359.9^\circ$ .

Table 4.3. Crystallographic data for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.

Formula: ReO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>28</sub> N <sub>8</sub> P <sub>2</sub> F <sub>12</sub> H <sub>40</sub>	Formula weight: 996.813
a = 8.307(3) Å	Space Group: $P\bar{1}$ (#2)
b = 10.911(5) Å	T = 293 K
c = 11.907(11) Å	$\lambda$ = 0.7107 Å
$\alpha$ = 96.24(6)°	$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ = 1.662 g cm <sup>-3</sup>
$\beta$ = 108.28(6)°	$\mu$ = 34.09 cm <sup>-1</sup>
$\gamma$ = 99.42(6)°	trans. coeff. = 0.51 - 0.64
V = 996.1(11) Å <sup>3</sup>	R(F <sub>o</sub> ) = 0.0389
Z = 1	GOF = 2.77

Table 4.4. Final non-hydrogen parameters for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>].

$x, y, z$ and $U_{eq}^a \times 10^4$				
Atom	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{eq}$
Re	0	0	0	479(1)
O	2122(4)	360(4)	1052(3)	575(10)
N11	-985(5)	451(4)	1387(4)	515(11)
C11	34(7)	893(6)	2535(5)	587(15)
C12	-562(7)	1182(6)	3452(5)	651(16)
C13	-2345(8)	1042(6)	3242(5)	649(16)
C14	-3414(7)	569(7)	2033(5)	722(18)
C15	-2706(7)	283(7)	1185(5)	649(17)
N12	-2991(7)	1327(7)	4094(5)	967(21)
C16	-1868(11)	1804(12)	5324(7)	1375(37)
C17	-4859(11)	1124(15)	3831(8)	1705(48)
N21	295(6)	1882(4)	-325(4)	544(11)
C21	-925(8)	2248(6)	-1221(5)	634(16)
C22	-691(9)	3380(7)	-1558(6)	714(17)
C23	868(9)	4281(7)	-1014(6)	719(17)
C24	2075(9)	3926(7)	-34(7)	779(20)
C25	1761(8)	2761(6)	261(6)	665(17)
N22	1189(10)	5351(6)	-1367(7)	675(17)
C26	2829(14)	6226(8)	-843(10)	1233(32)
C27	56(17)	5645(9)	-2392(11)	1365(37)
P	3778(3)	2979(3)	6815(2)	1027(7)
F1	3027(12)	1927(13)	5816(9)	2834(51)
F2	5023(11)	2204(11)	7362(13)	3012(56)

Table 4.4. (Cont'd)

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U<sub>eq</sub></i>
F3	5256(13)	3534(12)	6403(10)	2547(46)
F4	4531(14)	3988(13)	7852(10)	3070(54)
F5	2677(18)	3684(11)	6123(15)	3503(72)
F6	2374(13)	2432(14)	7248(12)	3076(58)

$$^a U_{eq} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \sum_j [U_{ij} (a_i^* a_j^*) (\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{a}_j)]$$

Table 4.5. Selected distances and angles for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.

Distance(Å)			Angle(°)		
Re -O	1.764(4)		O -Re -N11	90.0(2)	
Re -N11	2.108(4)		O -Re -N21	90.0(2)	
Re -N21	2.120(5)		N11 -Re -N21	91.9(2)	
N11 -C11	1.346(7)		C15 -N11 -C11	115.2(5)	
N11 -C15	1.351(8)		C12 -C11 -N11	124.5(5)	
C11 -C12	1.361(9)		C13 -C12 -C11	120.6(6)	
C12 -C13	1.401(9)		C14 -C13 -C12	114.7(6)	
C13 -C14	1.419(9)		N12 -C13 -C12	123.1(6)	
C13 -N12	1.319(9)		N12 -C13 -C14	122.2(6)	
C14 -C15	1.352(9)		C15 -C14 -C13	120.5(6)	
N12 -C16	1.451(12)		C14 -C15 -N11	124.4(6)	
N12 -C17	1.457(13)		C16 -N12 -C13	121.1(7)	
N21 -C21	1.368(8)		C17 -N12 -C13	120.7(7)	
N21 -C25	1.352(8)		C17 -N12 -C16	118.1(7)	
C21 -C22	1.343(10)		C25 -N21 -C21	115.8(5)	
C22 -C23	1.408(10)		C22 -C21 -N21	123.5(6)	
C23 -C24	1.418(11)		C23 -C22 -C21	121.7(7)	
C23 -N22	1.298(10)		C24 -C23 -C22	114.2(7)	
C24 -C25	1.362(10)		N22 -C23 -C22	123.6(7)	
N22 -C26	1.438(13)		N22 -C23 -C24	122.2(7)	
N22 -C27	1.394(14)		C25 -C24 -C23	121.0(7)	
			C24 -C25 -N21	123.5(6)	
			C26 -N22 -C23	122.6(8)	
			C27 -N22 -C23	121.6(8)	
			C27 -N22 -C26	115.2(8)	

Figure 4.3. An ORTEP diagram for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.

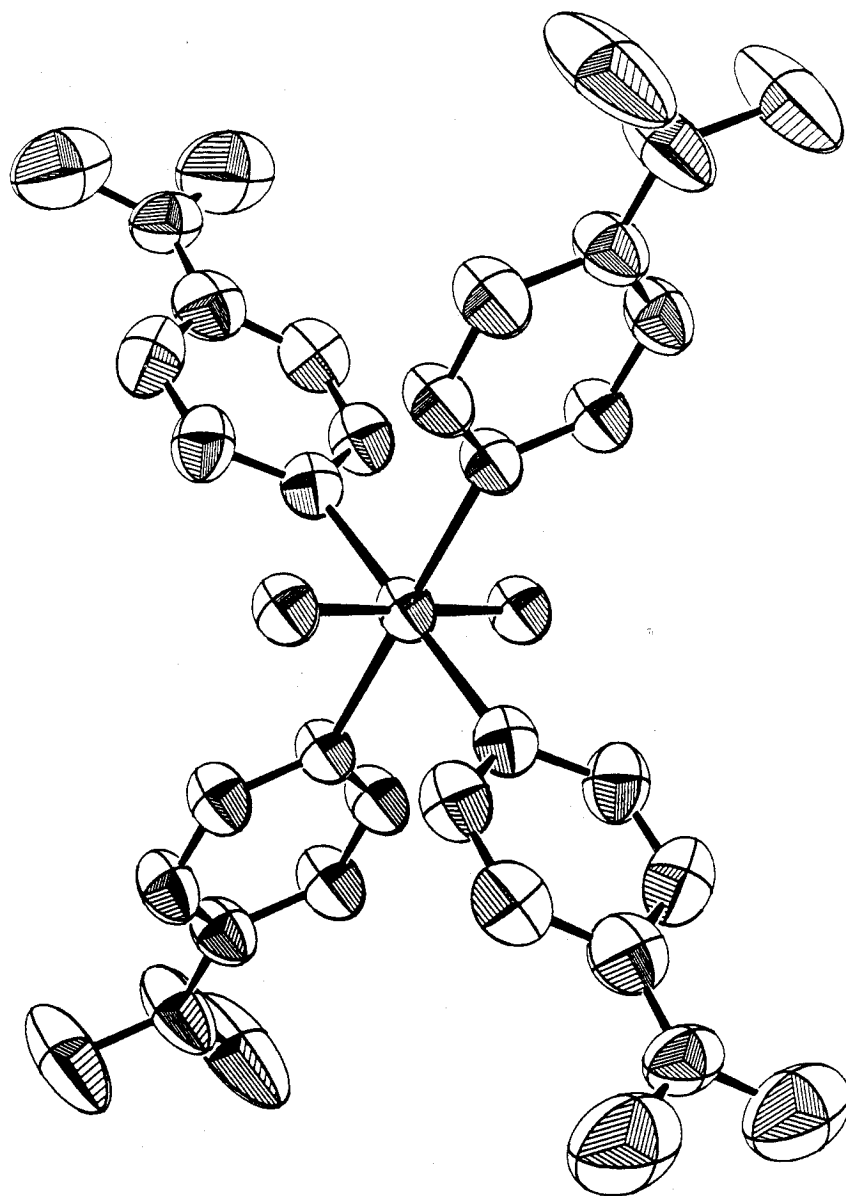


Figure 4.4. Atomic numbering scheme used for the *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> structure determination.



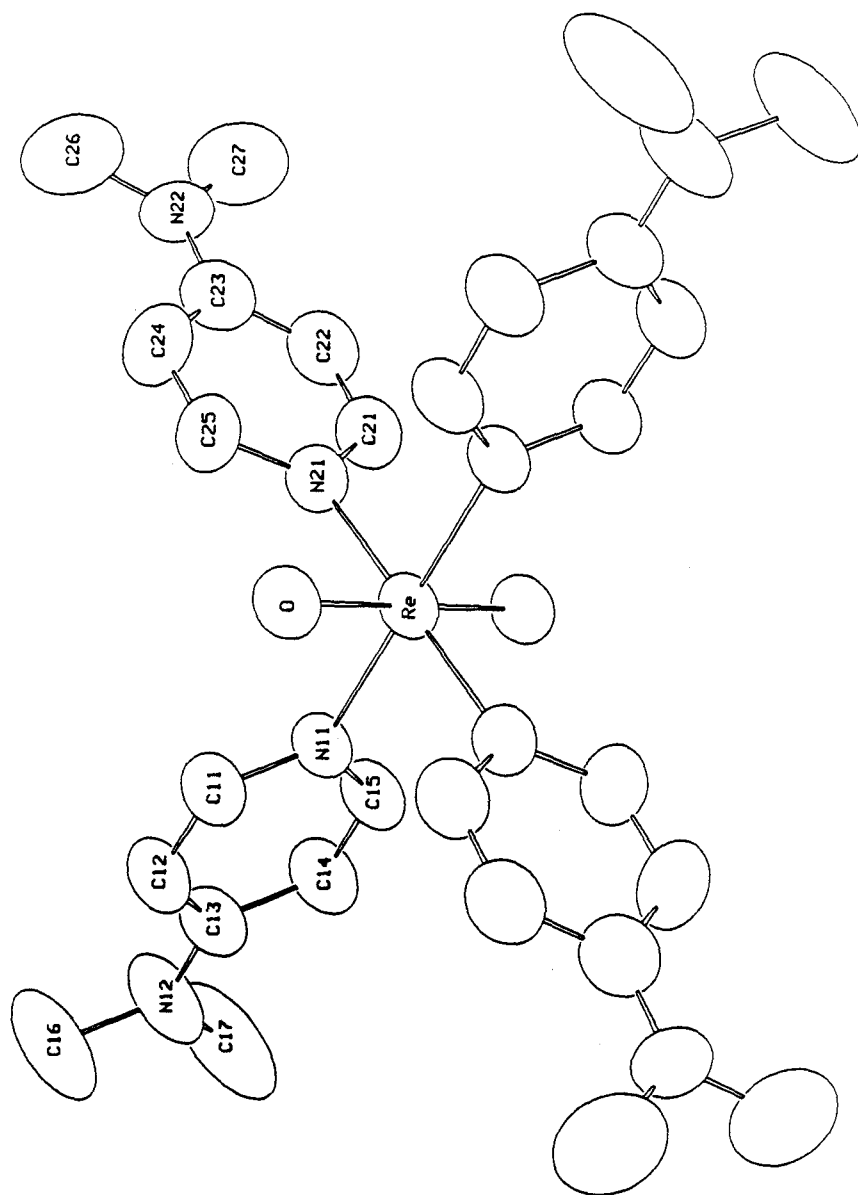


Figure 4.5. A view down the O=Re=O axis of the *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> molecule.

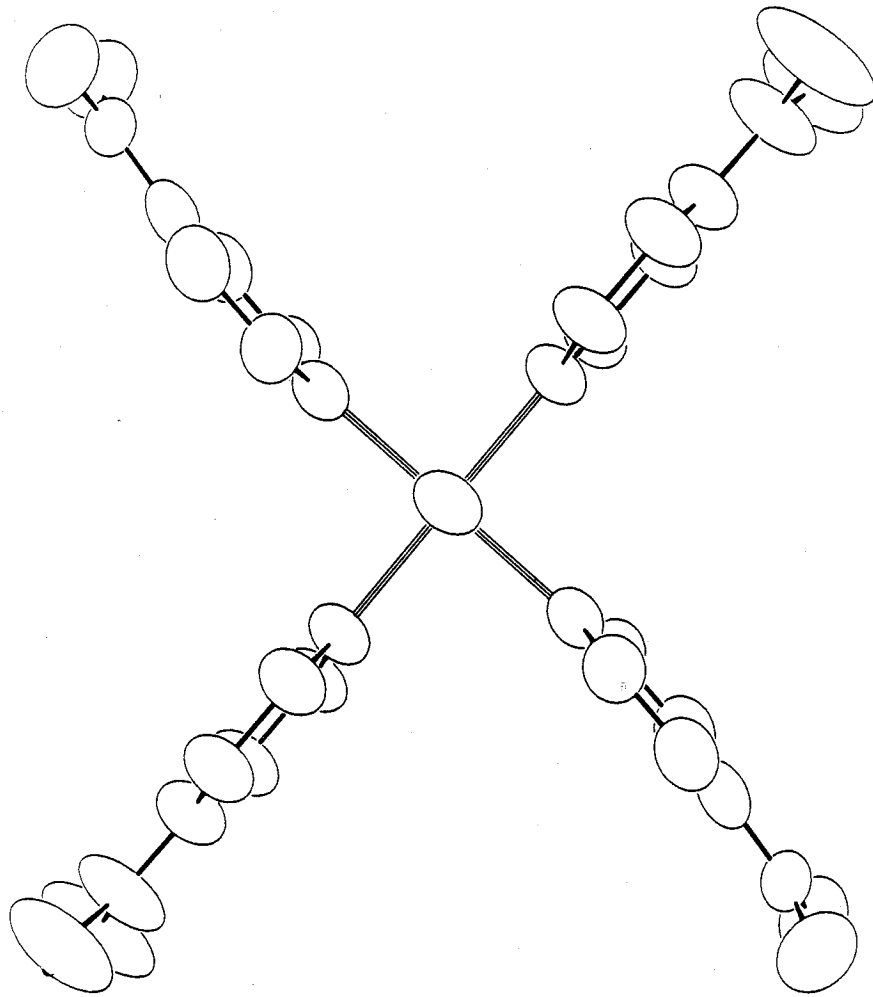
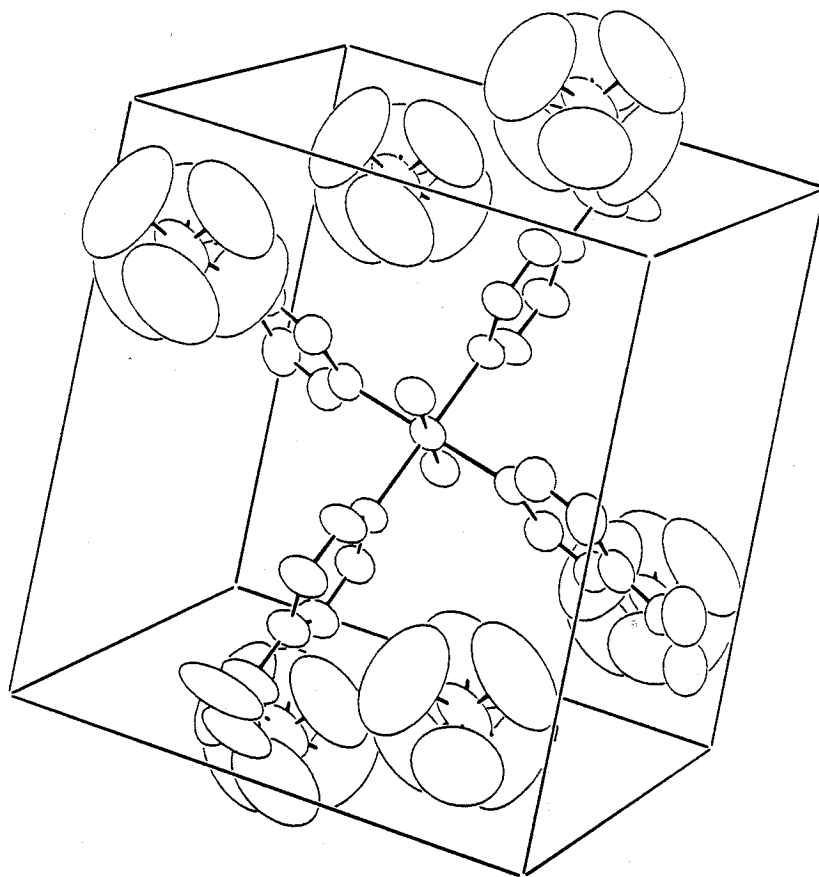


Figure 4.6. The unit cell of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> structure.



and 359.4°. The amino-ring bond length is very short, only 1.319(9) Å for C13–N12 and 1.298(10) Å for C23–N22, indicating significant double-bond character.<sup>21</sup> The NMe<sub>2</sub> groups are tilted slightly with respect to the pyridine ring; the dihedral angles are 178.5(9.1)° and 168.7(9.5)°. The remaining ligand bond lengths and angles are normal.

The anion is slightly disordered. The P–F bond lengths range from 1.415(15) to 1.521(12) Å (average: 1.469 Å), and the F–P–F angles for adjacent fluorine atoms vary from 81.7(7) to 97.0(7)°.

To determine if any unusual features were present in this structure, a comparison was made with the X-ray structure data gathered on the following materials : dmap,<sup>22</sup> dmap•HCl,<sup>23</sup> 1,1'-methylenebis(4,4'-dimethylaminopyridinium)iodide,<sup>24</sup> *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]Cl•2H<sub>2</sub>O,<sup>25,26</sup> and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pic)<sub>4</sub>][ReO<sub>4</sub>].<sup>27</sup>

The Re–O bond length is essentially identical between the three complexes *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]Cl•2H<sub>2</sub>O, *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pic)<sub>4</sub>][ReO<sub>4</sub>] and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.76, 1.75, 1.76 Å, respectively). The MO description of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] (Figure 4.2) shows the highest-lying electron pair to be in the non-bonding orbital Re d<sub>xy</sub>. Therefore, a 1-e<sup>-</sup> oxidation would not be expected to cause a disturbance in any bond lengths or angles. This concurs with what is observed.

There is a slight contraction in the Re–N distance in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> compared to *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]Cl•2H<sub>2</sub>O and *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-pic)<sub>4</sub>][ReO<sub>4</sub>] (2.11, 2.15 and 2.14 Å, respectively). This could be due to an electrostatic effect (the Re(VI) species has one full unit higher formal charge) or a π-bonding interaction between the filled π-level of dmap and the half-empty d<sub>xy</sub> orbital on Re. Evidence supporting the last hypothesis is (1) the minimal amount of twisting of the dmap plane with respect to the O=Re=O axis, (2) the short Me<sub>2</sub>N-py bond distance, and (3) the shorter Re–N bond length. A pure σ-effect would not require minimal twisting between the pyridine ring plane and the O=Re=O axis. Ring twisting (10 - 20°) has been observed in the X-ray structures of other *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> pyridine complexes<sup>25-27</sup> and has been attributed to both crystal packing

effects, and the result of steric congestion between the oxo ligands and the *ortho*-H's on pyridine.<sup>26</sup> The latter effect should be even more pronounced as the Re–N distance contracts. Therefore, it is somewhat surprising that the pyridine planes are almost perfectly parallel with the O=Re=O vector.

Structural data that are available for the dmap ligand and a related compound are presented in Table 4.6. The atom numbering scheme used to identify bond distances is provided below the table. Note that the C<sub>4</sub>–C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>4</sub>–C<sub>5</sub> bonds are considerably longer (~1.41 Å) than other C–C bonds in the aromatic ring (~1.35 Å). The NMe<sub>2</sub>-pyridine ring bond distance is substantially shorter (~1.34 Å) than a single C–N bond (~1.46 Å), indicating double-bond character. These features suggest that there is appreciable quinoidal character to the dmap ring, as depicted by the resonance structures drawn in Figure 4.7. This explains the superior donating ability of this particular pyridine derivative. The lack of significant change in the bond lengths and angles of the *trans*-ReO<sub>2</sub> unit between the Re(V) and Re(VI) complexes suggests that resonance structures resulting in formal reduction of Re(VI) to Re(V) with concomitant development of oxo-radical character are not accurate descriptions of the bonding in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> complexes.

**EPR spectra of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.** Although hexavalent states are rare for rhenium, there have been several studies completed on the EPR of d<sup>1</sup> rhenium compounds.<sup>28-37</sup> There are two naturally occurring isotopes of rhenium. Both of them are spin active (*I* = 5/2) with almost identical nuclear moments (<sup>185</sup>Re, 37.07%, 3.143 μ<sub>N</sub>; <sup>187</sup>Re, 62.93%, 3.176 μ<sub>N</sub>).<sup>28,38</sup> The small difference in moments is not sufficient, however, to generate separate line manifolds in any spectra that have been observed to date.

The EPR spectra of Re(VI) species are often challenging to interpret because of the extremely large Re hyperfine and quadrupole coupling constants associated with tetragonal geometries of this ion.<sup>28,31,32,39,40</sup> As a result, the spectra exhibit (1) variations in band

Table 4.6. Bond length data for dmap and dmap-like molecules obtained from other X-ray structure determinations. The number scheme used to identify bond lengths is illustrated below the table.

compound	N <sub>2</sub> –C <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>4</sub> –C <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> –C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> –N <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub> –M
dmap	1.367(2)	1.404(3)	1.375(3)	1.335(3)	---
dmap•HCl•2H <sub>2</sub> O	1.340 <sup>a</sup>	1.421 <sup>a</sup>	1.350 <sup>a</sup>	1.343 <sup>a</sup>	1.06 <sup>a</sup>
1,1'- methylenebis(4,4'dimethylamino pyridinium)iodide •H <sub>2</sub> O	1.333(4)	1.419(4)	1.351(4)	1.345(4)	1.468(4)
<i>trans</i> -[ReO <sub>2</sub> (dmap) <sub>4</sub> ][PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	1.309 <sup>a</sup>	1.405 <sup>a</sup>	1.352 <sup>a</sup>	1.357 <sup>a</sup>	2.114 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>In structures where the distances were not uniquely defined, an average value has been determined.

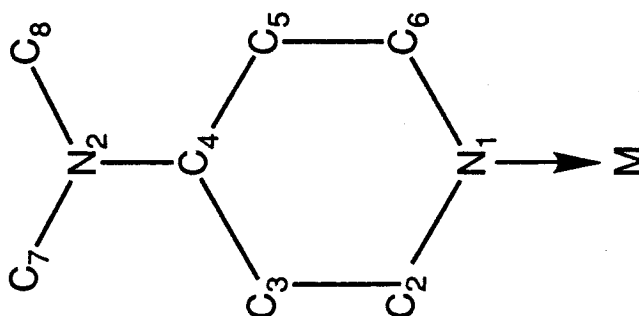
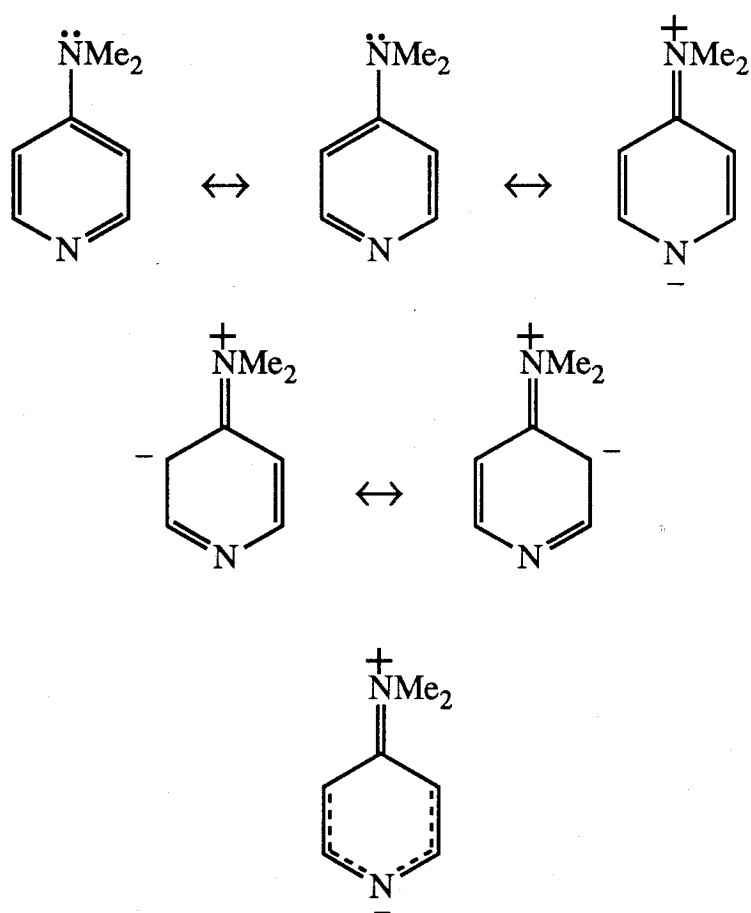




Figure 4.7. Important resonance structures for the dmap ligand. The bottom structure represents the best description of electron density distribution in the dmap ligand.



intensities for  $\Delta M_I = 0$  transitions, (2) unequal Re hyperfine spacing, (3) the presence of forbidden features due to  $\Delta M_I = \pm 1, \pm 2$  transitions, and (4) intense features at off axis turning points.<sup>32</sup> These complications are evident in the spectra of  $\text{ReOCl}_4$ ,  $[\text{ReOF}_5]^-$ ,  $[\text{ReNCl}_4]^-$ , and *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dmap})_4]^{2+}$ .

No EPR signal could be detected for *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dmap})_4][\text{PF}_6]_2$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  or acetone solutions. The EPR of a solid (powder) sample gave a single line with  $\langle g \rangle \sim 1.91$ . In attempt to obtain a better spectrum, a dilute ( $\sim 10 \mu\text{M}$ ) 50% aqueous DMSO solution was examined at 7 K (Figure 4.8 (A)). The large  $A_{||}$  hyperfine coupling is apparent from the two outermost transitions of the parallel manifold (labelled a). The magnitude of  $A_{\perp}$  is somewhat smaller; the outermost transitions of the perpendicular manifold are labelled b. The number of lines is greater than the six parallel and six perpendicular features expected for an axially symmetric system with  $I = 5/2$ . The extra features arise from  $\Delta M_I = \pm 1$  (e.g., peak c) and  $\Delta M_I = \pm 2$  (e.g., peak d) transitions and their off-axis turning points. The strength of these features is indicative of a large quadrupole coupling constant, which increases the probability of the forbidden transitions.<sup>39,40</sup> In some cases, the intensity of the forbidden transitions is even higher than the allowed transitions.

In order to estimate the  $g$  and hyperfine coupling values, a simulation was performed using the QPOW program,<sup>7</sup> which calculates a second-order spectrum with quadrupole coupling and forbidden transitions. The simulation that best represents the experimental spectrum is shown in Figure 4.8 (B). It was generated using the following parameters:  $g_{\perp} = 1.91$ ,  $A_{\perp} = 0.031 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $g_{||} = 1.83$ ,  $A_{||} = 0.060 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $Q_z = 0.0075 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Note that the simulation accounts for all of the major transitions and reproduces qualitatively the experimental intensity pattern. Unfortunately, the calculation is complicated by the strong intensity of the forbidden transitions resulting from the large quadrupole coupling. The EPR results of related Re(VI) complexes are collected in Table 4.7.

Figure 4.8. (A) EPR spectrum at 7 K of  $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{DMAP})_4](\text{PF}_6)_2$  ( $\sim 10 \mu\text{M}$ ) in 50% DMSO. Microwave frequency: 9.0505 GHz. Modulation frequency: 100 kHz. Modulation amplitude: 10 G. Microwave power: 0.05 mW. a: outermost peaks in the parallel manifold. b: outermost peaks in the perpendicular manifold. c:  $\Delta M_I = \pm 1$  transition. d:  $\Delta M_I = \pm 2$  transition. (B) Simulated spectrum calculated using  $g_{\perp} = 1.91$ ,  $A_{\perp} = 0.031 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $g_{\parallel} = 1.83$ ,  $A_{\parallel} = 0.060 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $Q_z = 0.0075 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

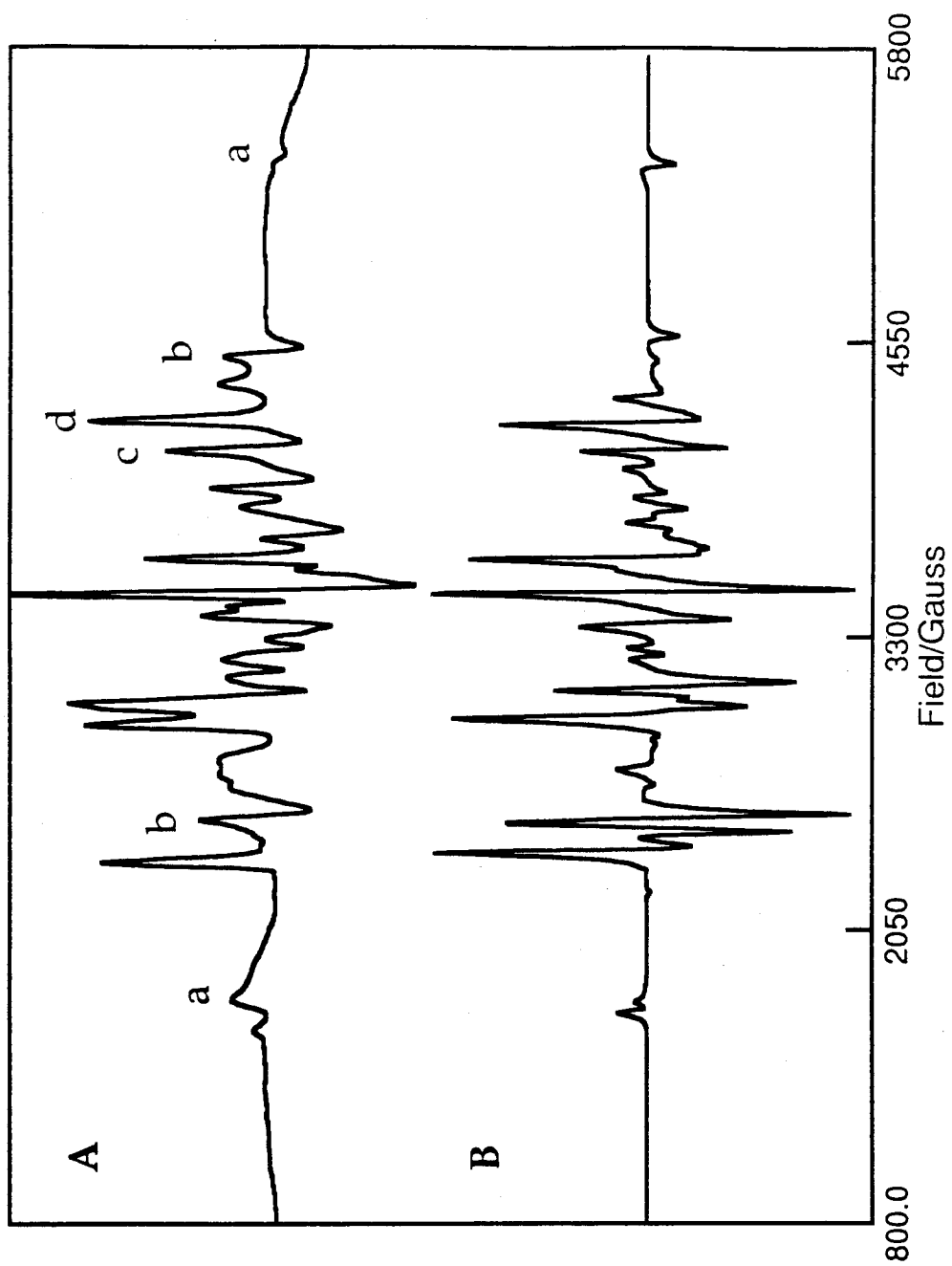


Table 4.7. EPR data for some Re(VI) complexes also containing  $\pi$ -bonds.

compound	$g_{\perp}$	$A_{\perp}(\text{cm}^{-1})$	$g_{  }$	$A_{  }(\text{cm}^{-1})$	$ Q_z (\text{cm}^{-1})$	Ref
$[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dmap})_4][\text{PF}_6]_2^{\text{a}}$	1.91	-0.031	1.83	-0.060	0.0075	this work
$[\text{Ph}_4\text{As}][\text{ReNCl}_4]^{\text{b}}$	1.934	-0.0382	1.909	-0.077	0.0047	32
$\text{ReOCl}_4^{\text{c}}$	1.720	-0.0320	1.968	-0.0630	0.0020	28
$\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{NCCH}_3)^{\text{d}}$	1.732	-0.0315	1.970	-0.0621	0.0020	28
$\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{OPCl}_3)^{\text{e}}$	1.734	-0.0308	1.97	-0.0616	0.0019	28
$[\text{Ph}_4\text{As}][\text{ReOCl}_5]^{\text{c}}$	1.740	-0.0305	1.975	-0.0609	0.0020	28
$[\text{H}_3\text{O}][\text{ReOF}_5]^{\text{f}}$	1.74	-0.0500	1.72	-0.0960	0.0045	31

<sup>a</sup>frozen 50% aqueous DMSO, 7 K<sup>d</sup>frozen  $\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$ , 77 K<sup>b</sup>frozen  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , 110 K<sup>e</sup>frozen  $\text{OPCl}_3$ , 77 K<sup>c</sup>frozen dioxane, 77 K<sup>f</sup>frozen anhydrous HF, 77 K

First order perturbation theory predicts that  $g_{||} < g_{\perp} < 2.0023$ . Note that this is not the case for nitrido- and oxorhenium(VI) chlorides. In these cases, the order  $g_{||} > g_{\perp}$  is attributable to the effect of spin-orbit coupling of a  $(\text{Cl})_4$   $d_{xy}$ -symmetry hole associated with in-plane  $\pi$ -bonding between the Re  $d_{xy}$  orbital and equatorial ligand  $\pi$ -orbitals.<sup>36</sup>

The low energy LMCT transition of *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dmap})_4][\text{PF}_6]_2$  indicates the energetic proximity of the filled  $\pi$ -levels of the dmap ligand to the Re  $d_{xy}$  orbital. Therefore, in-plane  $\pi$ -bonding between dmap and Re is likely significant in *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dmap})_4][\text{PF}_6]_2$ . This does *not*, however, perturb the  $g$ -values because nitrogen has a very small spin-orbit coupling constant ( $\xi_N = 70 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>41</sup>

In contrast to nitrogen, chlorine has a large spin-orbit coupling constant ( $\xi_{\text{Cl}} = 587 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )<sup>41</sup> and, therefore, any in-plane  $\pi$ -bonding involving this ligand dramatically affects  $g$ -values. The  $g$ -values of  $[\text{Ph}_4\text{As}][\text{ReNCl}_4(\text{NCCH}_3)]$  are not inverted (in contrast to  $\text{ReOCl}_4$ ), suggesting in-plane Cl  $\pi$ -bonding is not important in this complex.<sup>32</sup>

Several attempts have been made to evaluate the degree of covalency in Re(VI) complexes using the results obtained from EPR spectra. The analysis is complex and hindered by the lack of good values for both orbital wavefunctions and Re spin-orbit coupling constants.

Gray and Ballhausen<sup>17</sup> employed a semi-empirical MO approach to analyse the electronic structure of the vanadyl ion,  $[\text{VO}(\text{OH}_2)_5]^{2+}$ . The molecular orbitals used were of the form

$$\psi^b = c_1\Phi(\text{metal}) + c_2\Phi(\text{ligand}) \quad (4)$$

$$\psi^* = c_1^*\Phi(\text{metal}) + c_2^*\Phi(\text{ligand}) \quad (5)$$

for the bonding and antibonding wavefunctions, respectively. The orbitals  $\Phi(\text{metal})$  and  $\Phi(\text{ligand})$  refer to the proper combination of metal and ligand orbitals for a given representation. The  $g$  values of the complex are related to the  $d$ -orbital coefficients and

state energies by the following equations:

$$g_{\perp} = 2(1 - (c_1^*)^2 \xi / \Delta E ({}^2B_{2g} \rightarrow {}^2E_g)) \quad (6)$$

$$g_{||} = 2(1 - (c_1^*)^2 4 \xi / \Delta E ({}^2B_{2g} \rightarrow {}^2B_{1g})) \quad (7)$$

The relevant d-orbitals are ( $d_{xz}$ ,  $d_{yz}$ ) and  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  respectively and  $\xi$  is the metal spin-orbit coupling constant. As discussed earlier, the LF transitions are not observed in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> but can be estimated to be at 25,000 and 36,000 cm<sup>-1</sup> (for  ${}^2B_{2g} \rightarrow {}^2E_g$  and  ${}^2B_{2g} \rightarrow {}^2B_{1g}$ , respectively). The actual value of  $\xi$  is unknown and must be estimated. If one plots  $\xi$  versus the charge ( $z$ ) of the free Re ion,<sup>20,42</sup> a linear relationship is obtained:  $\xi = (540(z) + 1000)\text{cm}^{-1}$ . If it is assumed that due to charge neutralization effects, the residual charge on Re will be 2<sup>+</sup>, then  $\xi = 2080\text{ cm}^{-1}$  would be a good estimate.<sup>28</sup> Using all of the above information, one obtains  $c_1^*(d_{xz}, d_{yz}) = 0.735$  and  $c_1^*(d_{x^2-y^2}) = 0.606$ , indicating appreciable covalency in both the Re-oxo and Re-py bonds. MO coefficients calculated for some other Re(VI) complexes are presented in Table 4.8. These have been obtained by a variety of methods. Note that in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> the Re-oxo bonds are appreciably more covalent than in the oxohalide complexes. There is also appreciable covalency in the equatorial bonds. MO coefficients for the imido complex calculated by the method of Ballhausen and Gray are 0.557 and 0.365 for ( $d_{xz}, d_{yz}$ ) and  $d_{x^2-y^2}$ , respectively, and these are in good agreement with values obtained by an independent method (Table 4.8).<sup>32</sup>

It should be noted that others have claimed that the semi-empirical treatment overestimates bond covalency,<sup>43</sup> so that one may view the coefficients obtained as lower limits. Another source of error is the fact that no provision has been made for equatorial ligand- $d_{xy}$   $\pi$ -bonding.



Table 4.8. MO coefficients for  $d_{xy}$ ,  $(d_{xz}, d_{yz})$ , and  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  orbitals for some selected Re(VI) complexes.

compound	$c_1^*(d_{xy})$	$c_1^*(d_{xz}, d_{yz})$	$c_1^*(d_{x^2-y^2})$	Ref
$[\text{ReO}_2(\text{dmap})_4][\text{PF}_6]_2$	–	0.735	0.606	here
$[\text{Ph}_4\text{As}][\text{ReNCl}_4(\text{NCCH}_3)]$	0.811	0.512	0.449	32
$\text{ReOCl}_4$	0.820	0.920	0.780	28
$\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{NCCH}_3)$	0.809	0.907	0.781	28
$\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{OPCl}_3)$	0.808	0.906	0.781	28
$[\text{Ph}_4\text{As}][\text{ReOCl}_5]$	0.805	0.903	0.780	28
$[\text{H}_3\text{O}][\text{ReOF}_5]$	0.85	0.92	0.78	31

In axially symmetric systems where the unpaired electron is coupled to a nucleus with a high quadrupole moment such as Re ( $Q(^{185}\text{Re}) = 2.8 \times 10^{24}/\text{cm}^2$ ,  $Q(^{187}\text{Re}) = 2.6 \times 10^{24}/\text{cm}^2$ ), the magnitude of  $Q_z$  reflects the concentration of charge along the z-axis, which induces a large electric-field gradient in the complex.<sup>39,40</sup> As evident in Table 4.7,  $Q_z$  generally increases in the order  $\text{ReO}^{4+} < \text{ReN}^{3+} < \text{ReO}_2^{2+}$ . In addition, estimated LF energies ( $d_{xy} \rightarrow d_{xz}, d_{yz}$ ) increase with  $Q_z$ ,<sup>28,31,32</sup> consistent with an increase in  $\pi$ -bonding on going from monooxo to mononitrido to *trans*-dioxo axial units. This combined spectroscopic evidence emphasizes dramatically the strong axially compressed tetragonal ligand field associated with the *trans*-dioxo moiety.

***Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> reactivity.** As mentioned in the introduction, *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> behaved as a potent oxidant towards silanes, halocarbons and secondary alcohols.<sup>1,2</sup> Cyclic voltammograms of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> were indicative of this reactivity; anodic current enhancement was observed when oxidizable substrates were added to the compound solutions. *Sec*-phenethylalcohol was converted to acetophenone at

1.5 V vs. SSCE with  $90 \pm 5\%$  current efficiency and three 'turn-overs' of Re complex.<sup>1,2</sup> The term turn-over is used loosely here as no defineable Re species was found at the end of the experiment.

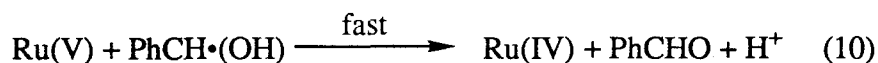
It was thought that the Re(VI) complexes possessing milder oxidizing potentials might be less prone to decomposition reactions and hence, more efficient catalysts. *Trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> is ~300 mV less oxidizing than *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> and unlike it, accumulates during bulk electrolysis experiments. Cyclic voltammograms of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(4-MeOpy)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> are unperturbed when *sec*-phenethylalcohol is added. Bulk electrolysis at 1.2 V vs. SSCE in the presence of a 100-fold excess of alcohol yields no appreciable ketonic product; after 15 hours only 10 coulombs (3 equivalents of charge based upon Re) are passed, indicating some slow decomposition process. Isolated samples of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> are also ineffective oxidants. Thus, the oxidation of alcohols with *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> appears to be limited to the unsubstituted pyridine complex.

Since the series of pyridine complexes are isoelectronic and differ essentially only in redox potential, it is likely that the lack of activity observed is due to the lowering of the Re(VI)/Re(V) couple. The rate-limiting step in the reaction sequence is likely to be the abstraction of one electron from the alcohol, and the efficiency of this step will depend upon the oxidizing strength of the metal complex. Wong and Anson<sup>44</sup> completed a detailed study of electrochemical oxidations of benzylalcohol mediated by oxoruthenium(IV) amine complexes. The compounds studied and the relevant electrochemical couples are set out in Table 4.9. Comparison of results obtained for benzylalcohol to those for *sec*-phenylethylalcohol is valid since the weakest C-H bonds in the two molecules are of identical strength (~85 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>).<sup>45</sup>

Table 4.9. Ruthenium(IV) oxo complexes that mediate electrooxidation of benzylalcohol. Potentials are measured in 0.1 M [Et<sub>4</sub>N][BF<sub>4</sub>] CH<sub>3</sub>CN solutions.

complex	E <sub>1/2</sub> , V vs. Fc <sup>+</sup> /Fc
<i>trans</i> -[Ru(TMC)O(Cl)][ClO <sub>4</sub> ]	1.05
<i>trans</i> -[Ru(TMC)O(NCO)][ClO <sub>4</sub> ]	0.89
<i>trans</i> -[Ru(TMC)O(N <sub>3</sub> )][ClO <sub>4</sub> ]	0.72

The authors noted that benzylalcohol is not oxidized at glassy carbon at potentials less positive than 1.2 V vs. Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc, so the activity observed must have originated from the Ru(V) complexes. Rotating-disk electrode and bulk electrolysis studies suggested the oxidations occurred via the following mechanism:



Ru = coordinated ruthenium species

The proposed rate-limiting step is a bimolecular electron transfer between the electrochemically generated Ru(V) species and the alcohol substrate. Bimolecular rate constants of  $2.1 \times 10^2$  and  $1.4 \times 10^2 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  were measured for the Cl<sup>-</sup> and NCO<sup>-</sup> complexes, respectively. The azide catalyst was too sluggish for reliable kinetic measurements. The general trend observed was a decrease in catalyst efficiency with decreasing oxidation potential of the Ru complexes.

It has been proposed that the oxo ligand receives the proton released from the alcohol upon (a 1 e<sup>-</sup>) oxidation.<sup>44</sup> It is more likely that the oxo group assists in the simultaneous

transfer of an electron and a proton ( $H^\bullet$  transfer). This would not be possible in complexes where the ligands lack basic sites: The Ru(IV) complex *trans*-[Ru(TMC)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> is a potent 1 e<sup>-</sup> oxidant ( $E_{1/2} \sim 1.15$  V vs. Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc) but an extremely poor catalyst for alcohol electrooxidation.

It has long been known that *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes can be protonated in acidic solutions,<sup>46-53</sup> indicating that the oxo group is capable of acting as a surrogate base. There is also substantial evidence from UV-vis spectroscopy,<sup>19,54,55</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR,<sup>1,2,56</sup> emission spectroscopy,<sup>1,2,19,54-56</sup> and luminescence decay data<sup>2,19,55,56</sup> that alcohol complexation occurs with *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. Thus, the electrooxidation of secondary alcohols by *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> likely takes place via a  $H^\bullet$  abstraction mechanism as shown in Figure 4.9. The Re(VI) pyridine complex must represent the lower limit of oxidizing strength required to realize this reaction.

The final issue to be addressed in the properties of the Re(VI) complexes is the instability towards reduction observed in the presence of halides and basic agents. As mentioned in previous sections, the Re(VI) complexes react rapidly under basic conditions to regenerate the corresponding Re(V) species. All absorption bands present in UV-vis spectra could be assigned to the Re(V) complexes. This result was puzzling since the source of reducing equivalents was not obvious; the hydroxide ligand is not a strong reducing agent ( $E_{1/2} \sim 1.89$  V vs. NHE).<sup>57</sup>

This behavior is remarkably reminiscent of that observed for [M(bpy)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> and [M(phen)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> (M= Fe, Ru, Os) complexes.<sup>58,59</sup> Meyer has also observed metal complex self-reduction in basic solutions of [(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(py)Ru(O)]<sup>2+</sup> and [(trpy)(phen)Ru(O)]<sup>2+</sup>.<sup>60</sup> Each complex has its own manifold of complex reactions. The mechanism presented in Figure 4.10 has been proposed<sup>58,60</sup> for hydroxide-induced, self-reduction of [Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup>.

Figure 4.9. Proposed mechanism of alcohol electrooxidation by *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>.

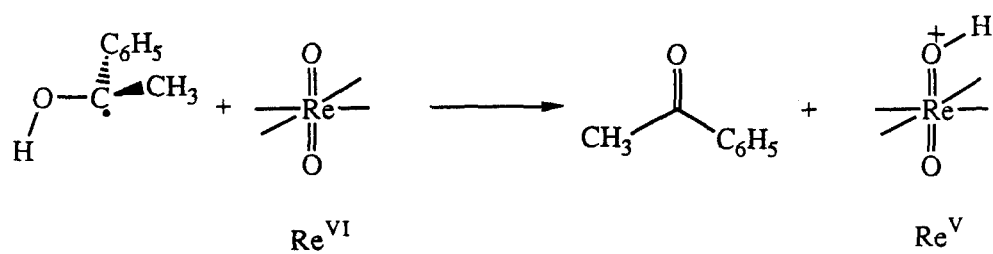
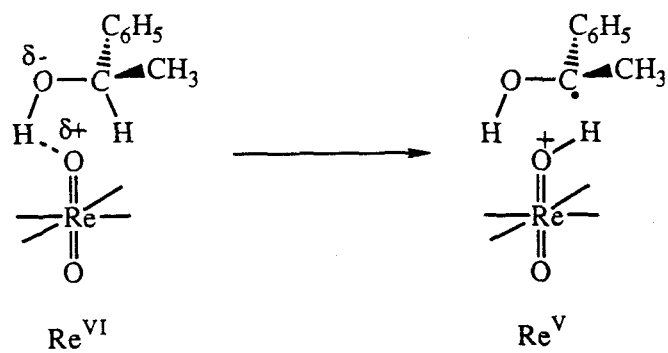
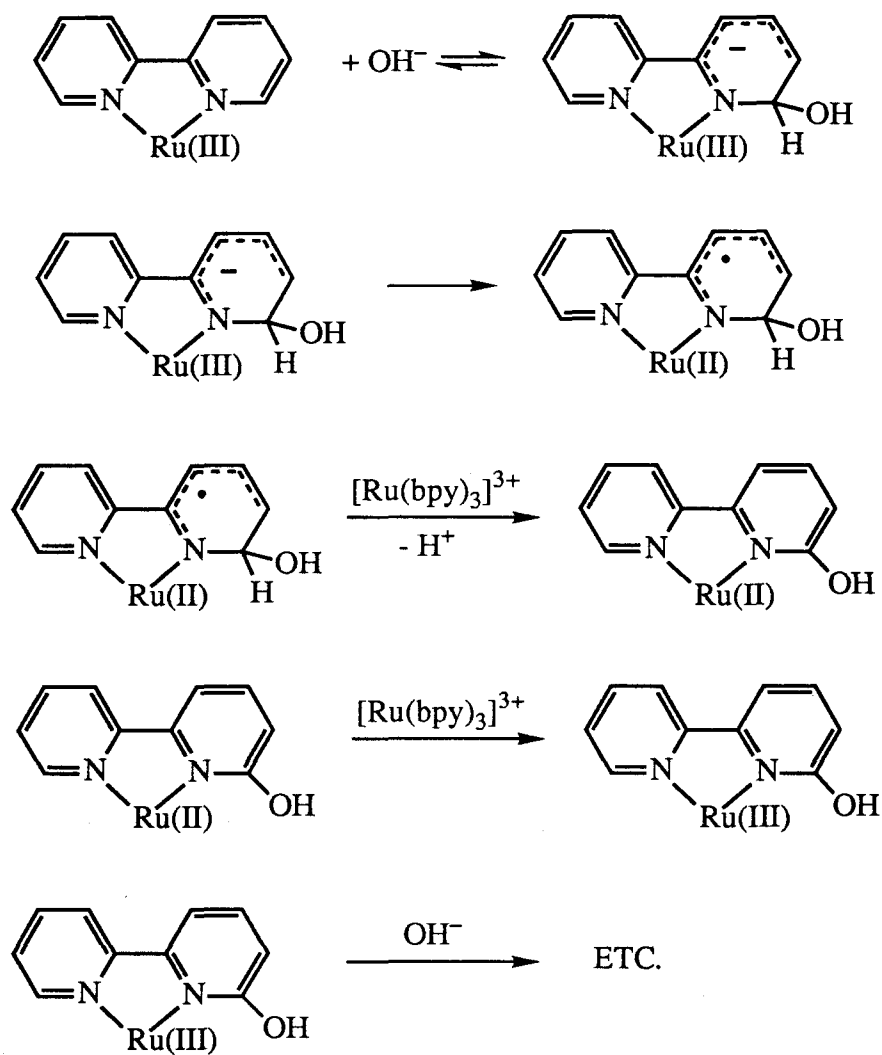


Figure 4.10. Proposed mechanism of base-induced self-reduction of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{3+}$ .



Part of the coordination sphere of ruthenium has been omitted for clarity.



After nucleophilic attack on the bipyridyl ring, an intramolecular electron-transfer event occurs to produce a coordinated hydroxy-bipyridyl radical and ruthenium(II). This species is oxidized by a molecule of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{3+}$  and loses a proton from the aromatic ring, restoring aromaticity. The resulting complex  $[(\text{bpy})_2\text{Ru}(\text{bpyOH})]^{2+}$  is oxidized by another  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{3+}$  molecule and the cycle continues, generating ruthenium complexes of bipyridyl ligands with varying degrees of hydroxylation. The net result is that after a given redox cycle, 90% of the original ruthenium(III) complex appears as  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$ . A list of complexes known to undergo self-reduction is provided in Table 4.10 along with the relevant redox potentials.<sup>61-64</sup>

The least oxidizing Re(VI) complex under study has a reduction potential of  $\sim 0.5$  V vs. SCE. It is therefore possible that analogous reactions take place on the coordinated pyridine ligands in *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L})_4]^{2+}$  complexes. The susceptibility towards further hydroxylation (oxidation) results from the effect of hydroxyl groups on pyridine basicity. The pKa's of the conjugate acids of pyridine, 2-hydroxy-, 3-hydroxy- and 4-hydroxypyridine are 5.23, 11.65, 8.75, and 11.12, respectively.<sup>65</sup> From this data, it is clear that as pyridine ligands become hydroxylated in *any* position, they become better  $\sigma$ -donors towards the metal center. This in turn will make the corresponding Re complexes easier to oxidize. The net result will be the reduction of several molecules of *trans*- $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L})_4]^{2+}$  via the degradative hydroxylation of one molecule of  $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{L}-\{\text{OH}\}_x)_4]^+$ .

It is possible that degradation reactions observed in the presence of halides could be initiated in an analogous fashion, but the follow up chemistry is likely to be quite different as halogen substitution makes pyridine ligands *poorer* electron donors.

Table 4.10. Complexes that undergo self-reduction in basic solutions and their associated redox potentials. Potentials were measured in 0.1 M TBAP CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution vs. SCE unless noted otherwise.

complex	E <sub>1/2</sub> for one electron reduction, V vs. SCE	reference source
[Fe(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.03	64
[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.20	64
[Os(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	0.81	64
[Fe(phen) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.02 <sup>a</sup>	63
[Ru(phen) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.40 <sup>b</sup>	62
[Os(phen) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	0.60 <sup>c</sup>	61
[(bpy) <sub>2</sub> (py)Ru(O)] <sup>2+</sup>	0.53 <sup>d</sup>	60
[(trpy)(phen)Ru(O)] <sup>2+</sup>	0.58 <sup>d</sup>	60

<sup>a</sup>1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

<sup>c</sup>0.1 M NaNO<sub>3</sub>

<sup>b</sup>0.1 M [TBA][BF<sub>4</sub>] CH<sub>3</sub>CN

<sup>d</sup>vs. SSCE, pH = 7.0; μ = 1.0 M

## CONCLUSIONS

The reactivity, X-ray structure, electronic structure and EPR studies completed on *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> and related compounds provide insight into the nature of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>. Strongly basic pyridine ligands stabilize the *trans*-dioxorhenium(VI) unit due to their favorable  $\sigma$ -properties and their ability to provide  $\pi$ -electron density to the Re d<sub>xy</sub> hole. The latter interaction is suggested by (1) the small dihedral angle between the O=Re=O vector and the dmap rings in *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, and (2) the low energy LMCT transition (dmap  $\pi \rightarrow$  Re d<sub>xy</sub>) present in its UV-vis spectrum. The results of the EPR analysis suggest considerable covalency in Re-oxo and Re-dmap bonds with the unpaired electron being primarily localized in Re d<sub>xy</sub>. There is no indication of any substantial delocalization of this hole onto the oxo ligands. The high quadrupole splitting observed is consistent with the strong axial field generated by the two *trans* oxo ligands.

The ability of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> complexes to effect alcohol oxidation appears to be governed by the Re(VI)/Re(V) redox couple. More oxidizing potentials lead to substrate reactivity but also result in very unstable Re(VI) complexes. Oxidation of Re(V) to Re(VI) makes the pyridine rings susceptible to nucleophilic attack and this is likely responsible for the instability of highly oxidizing *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(L)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> complexes. Thus, the design of more efficient agents will likely require use of a poorly donating set of equatorial ligands that are robust to both electron abstraction and nucleophilic attack.

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Appendix 1. IR spectra of *trans*-dioxorhenium compounds and free ligands. Ordinate scales are in percent transmission and abscissa scales are in wavenumbers. Compound identities are provided at the top of each spectrum.



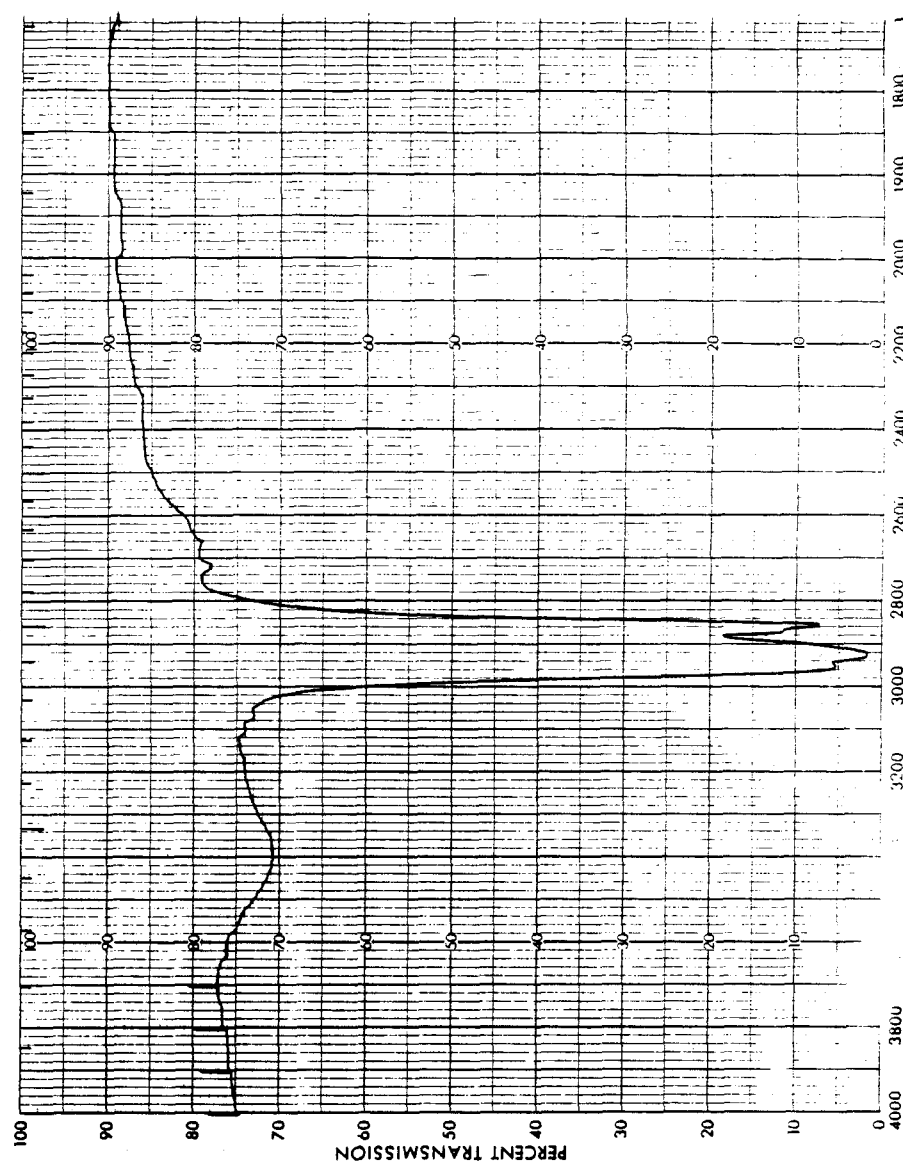
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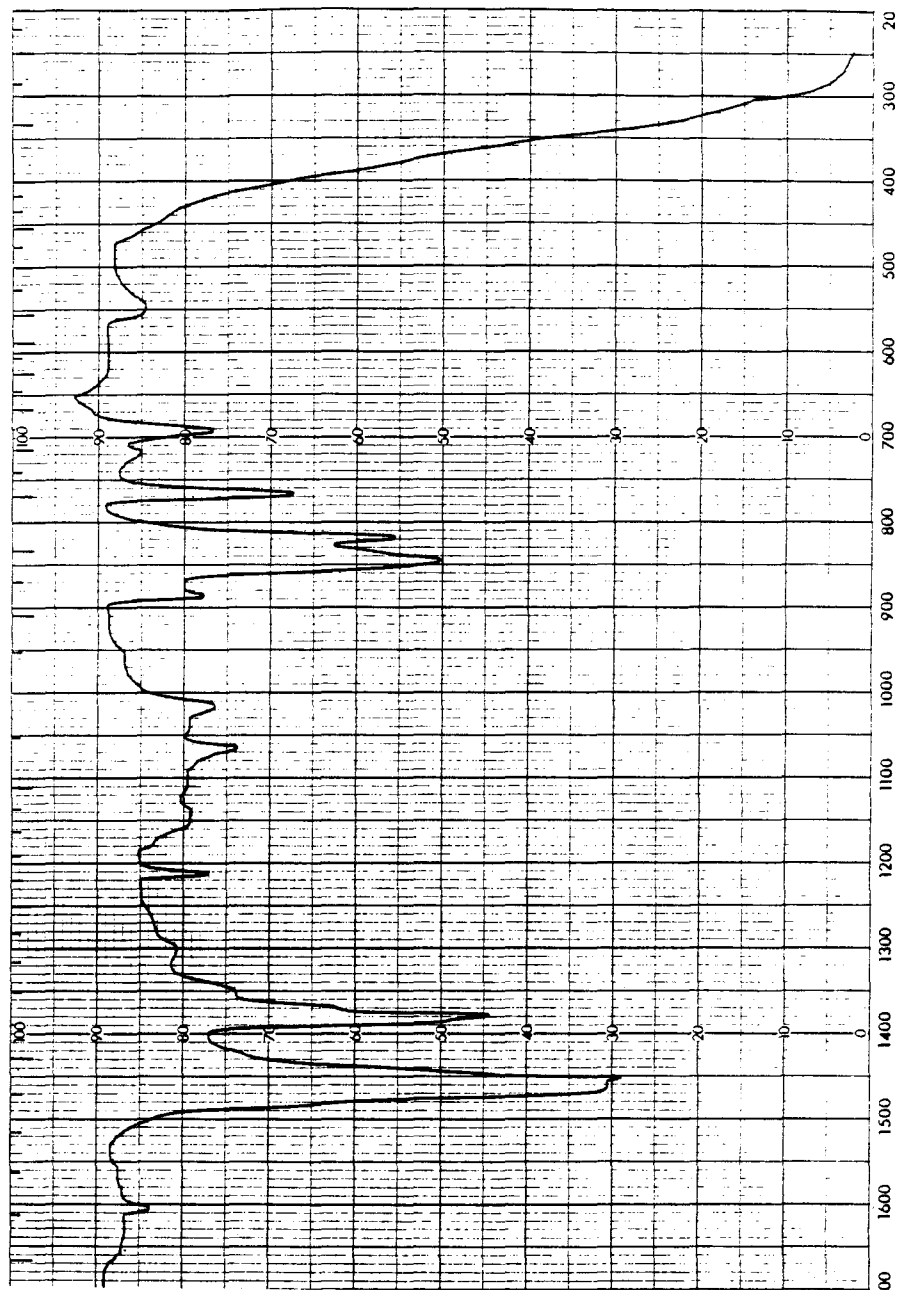


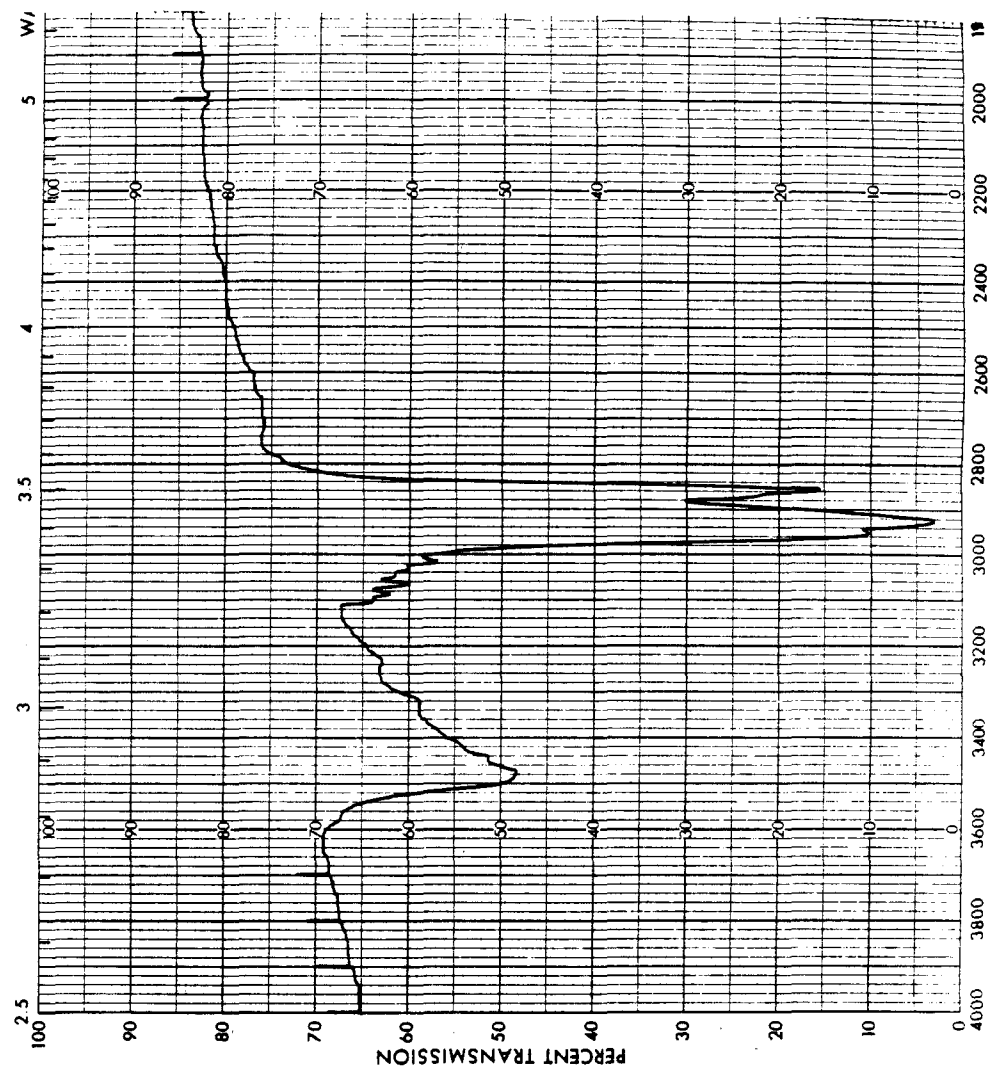
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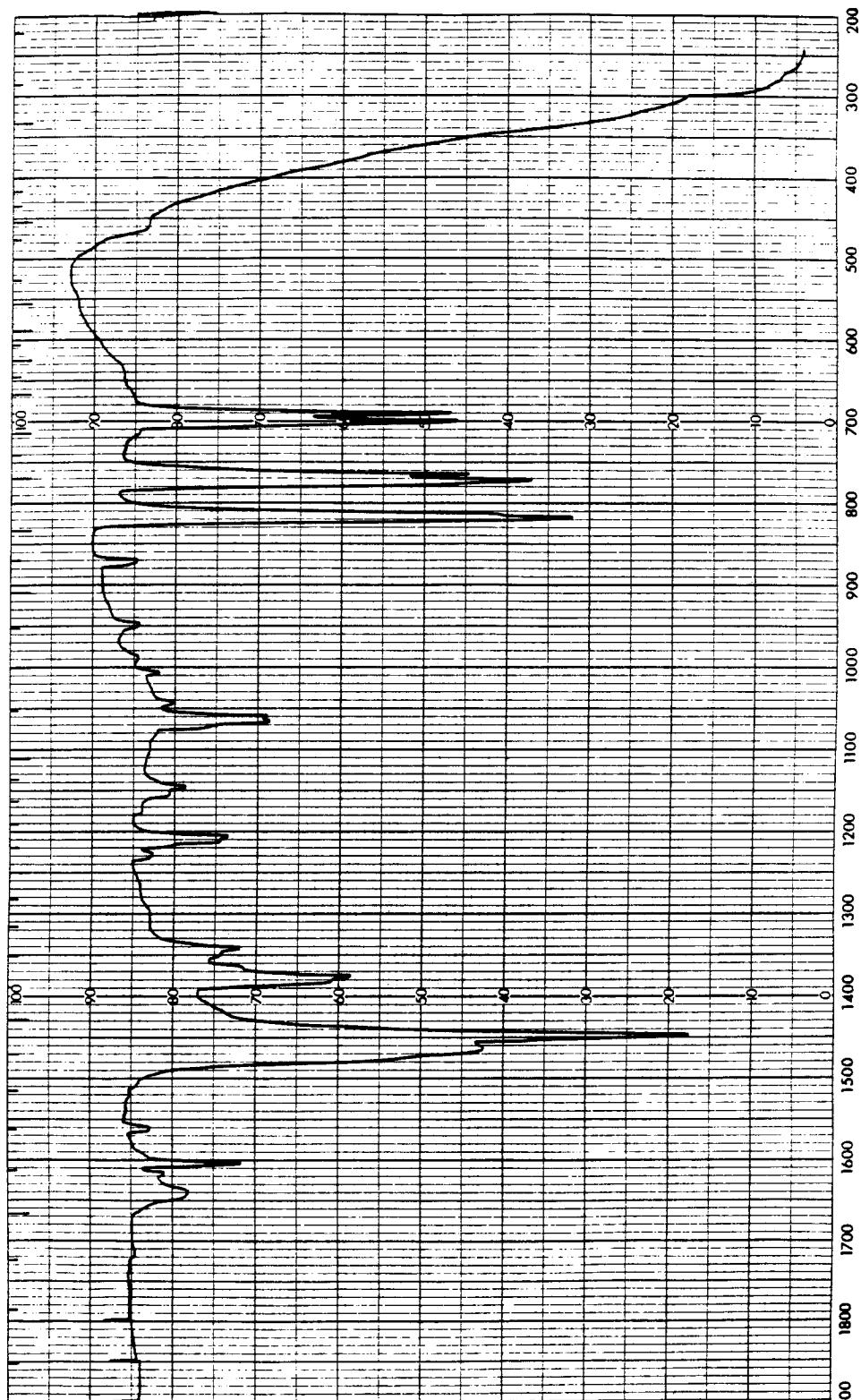


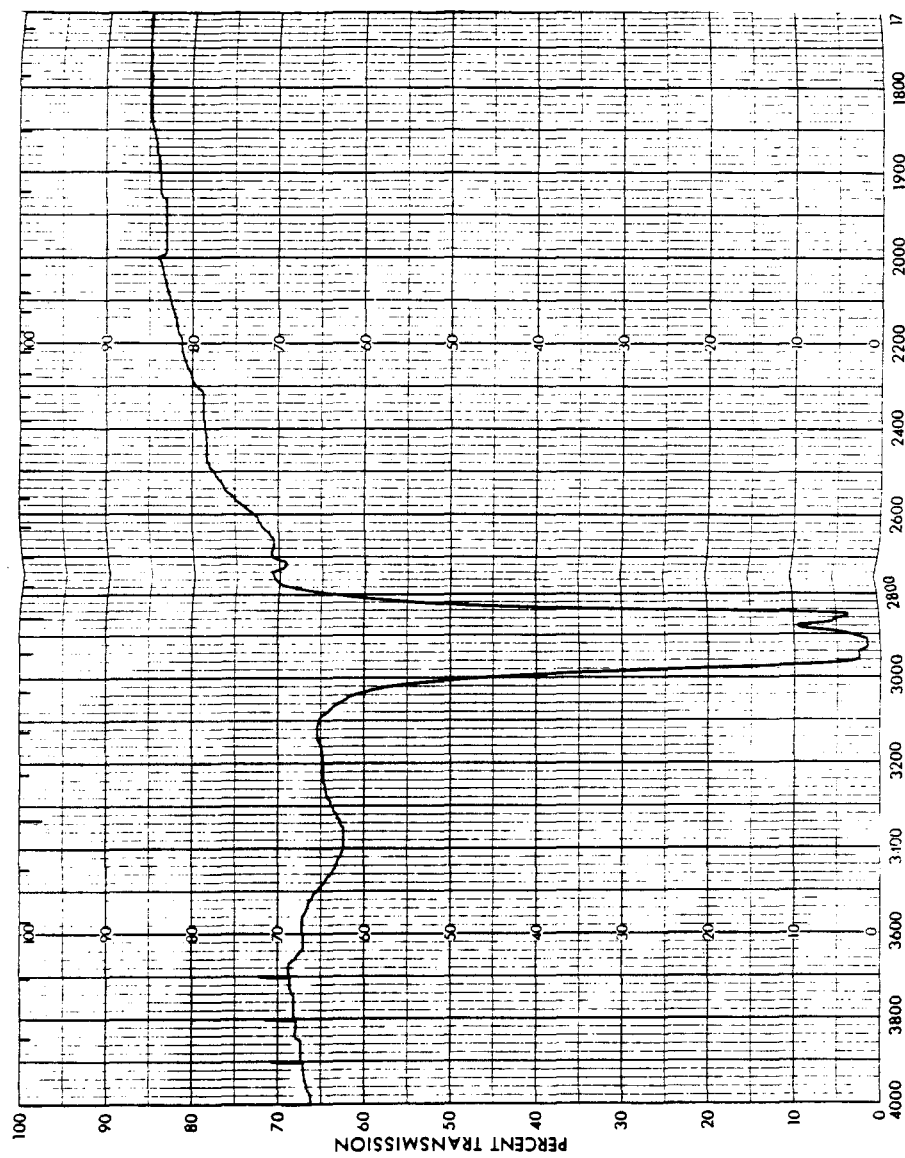
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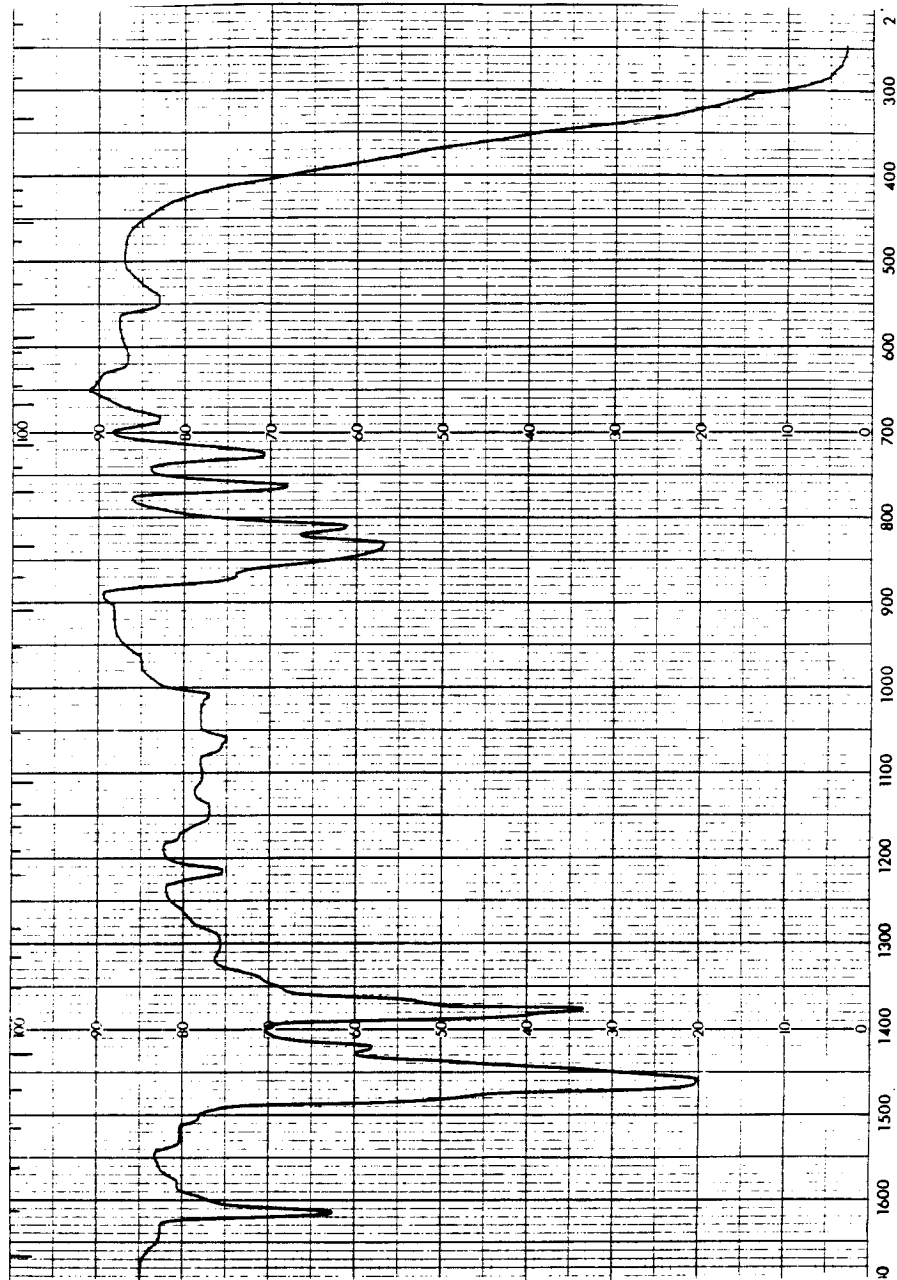


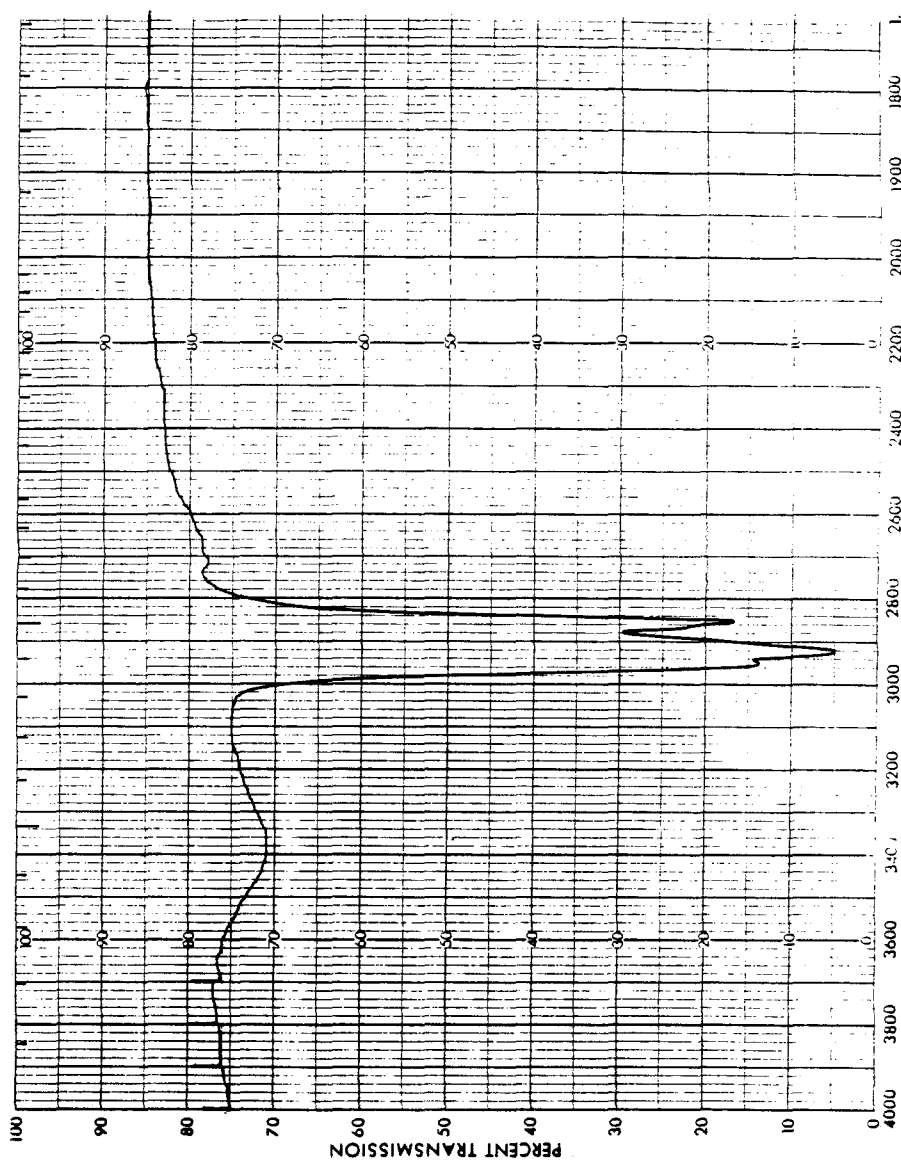
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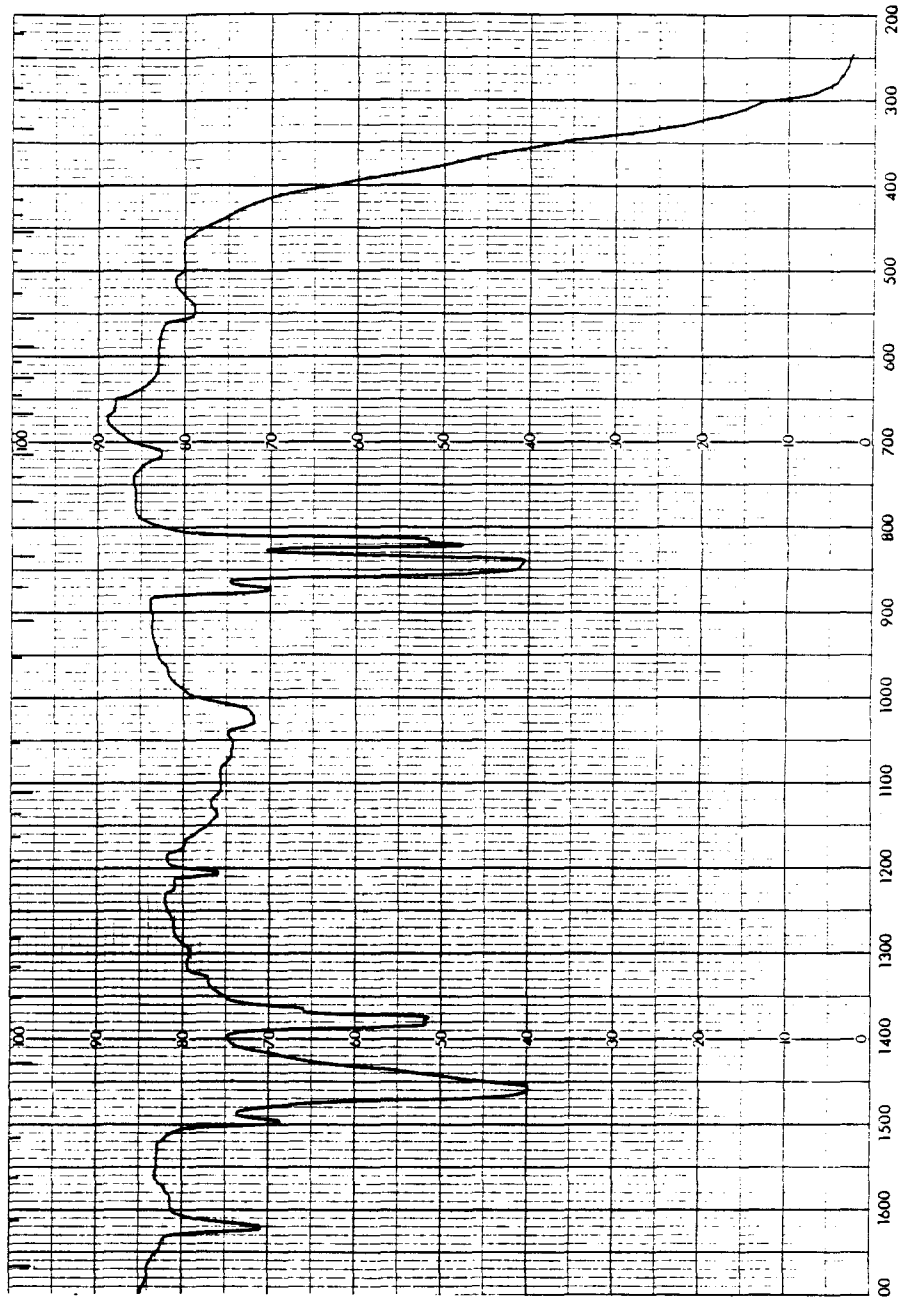




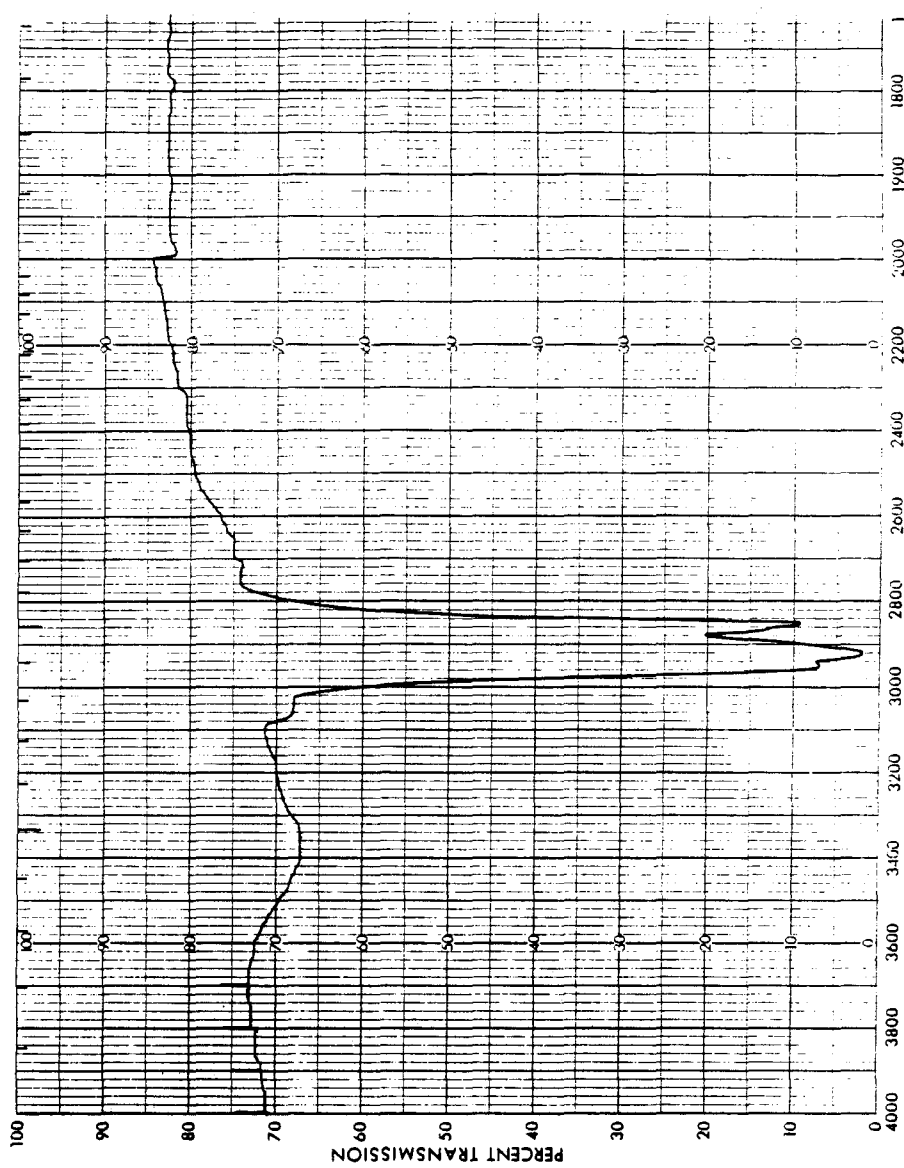
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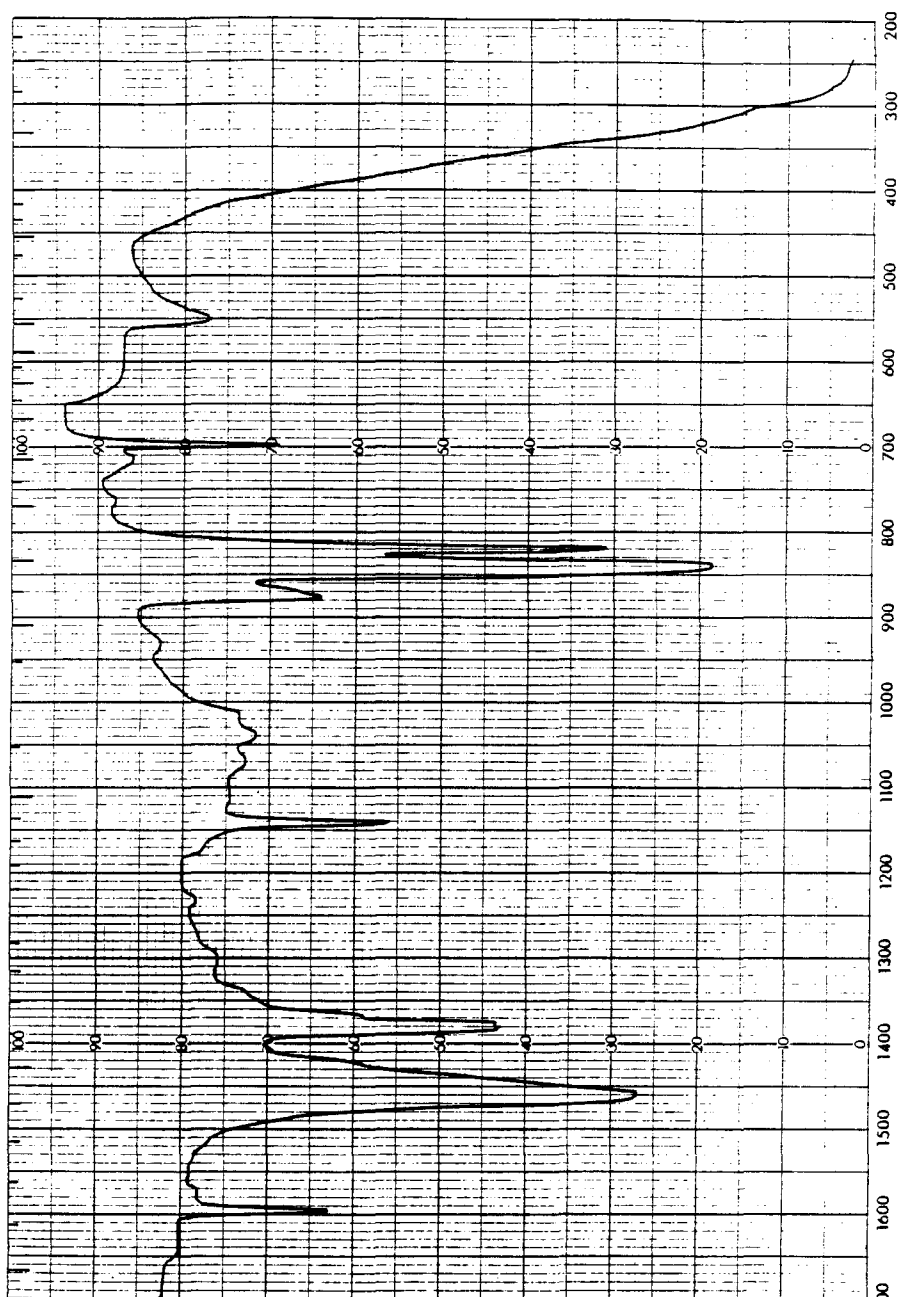


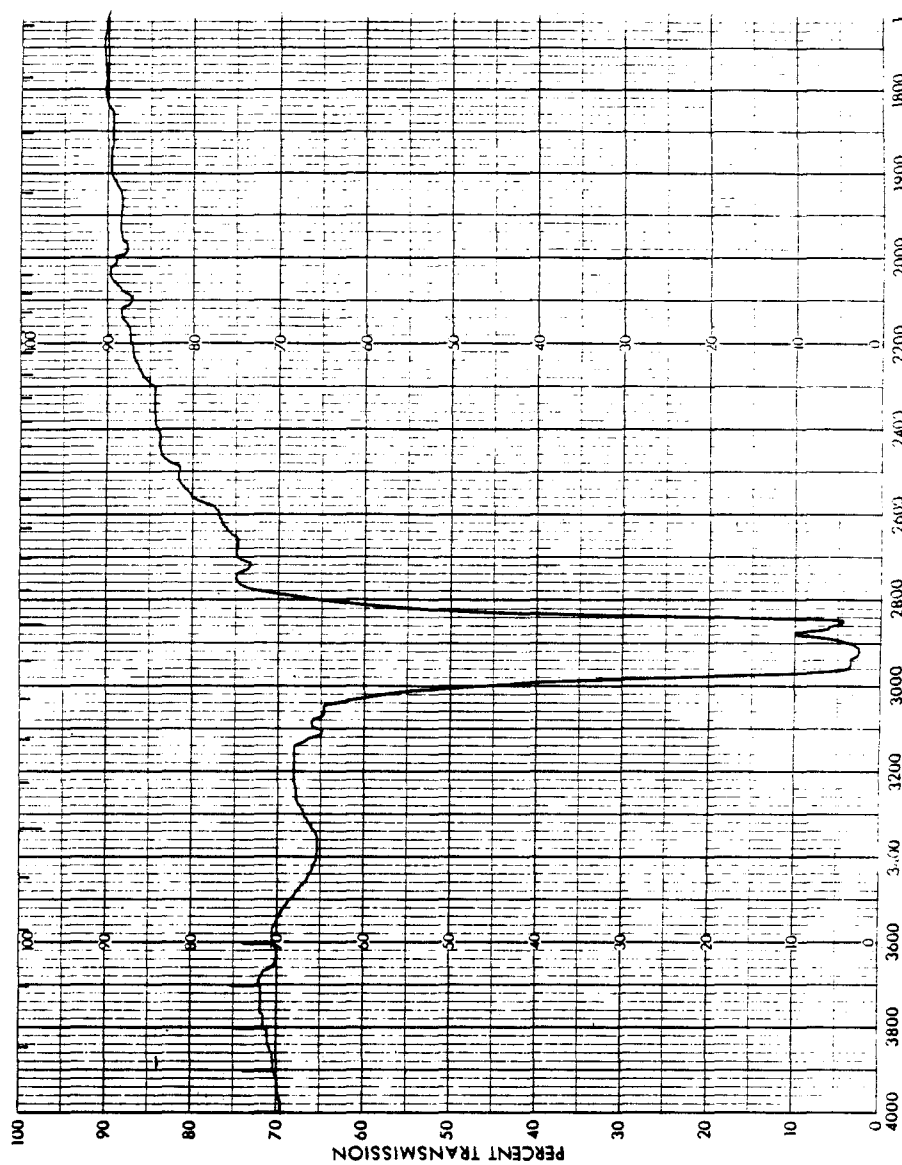
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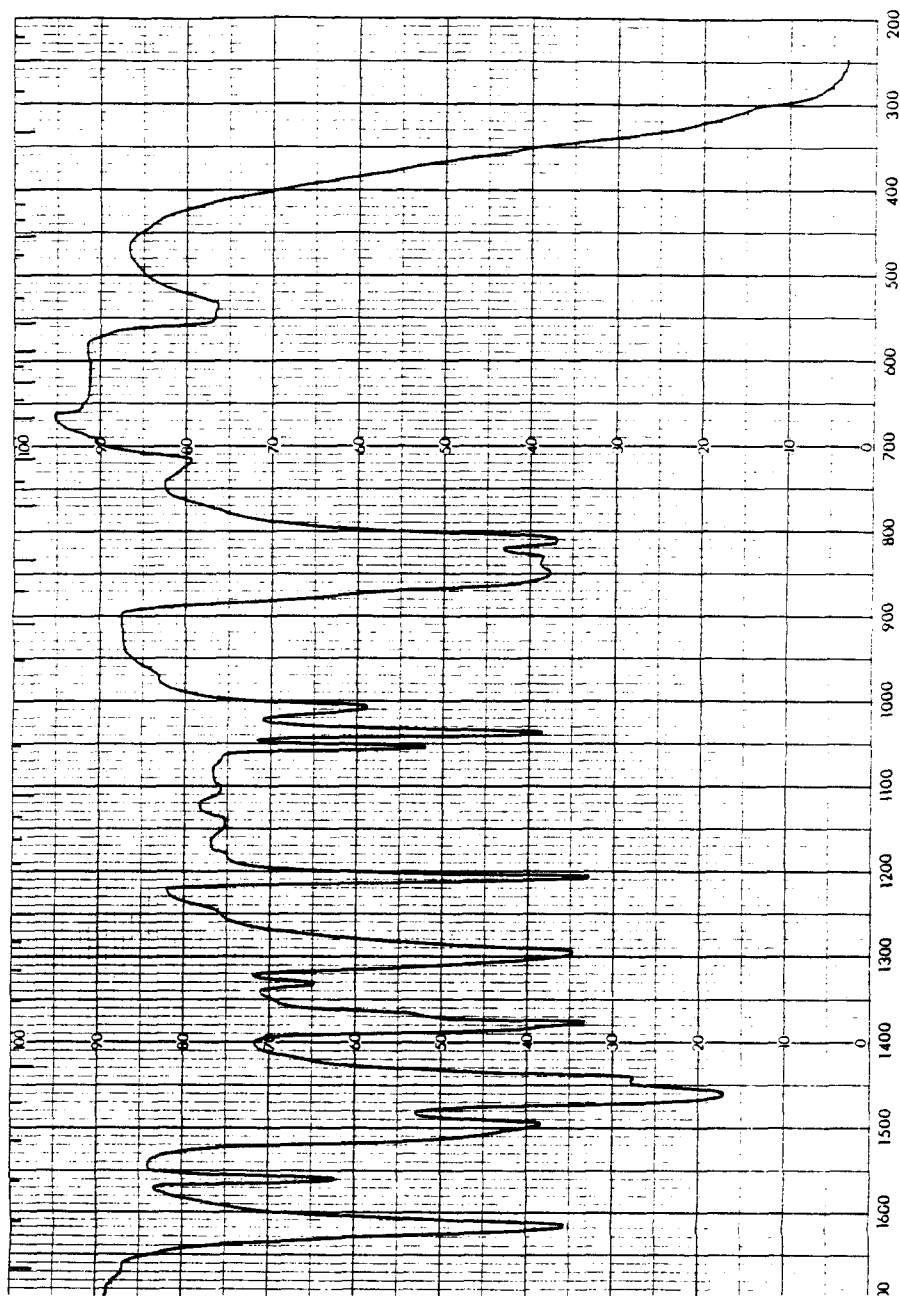


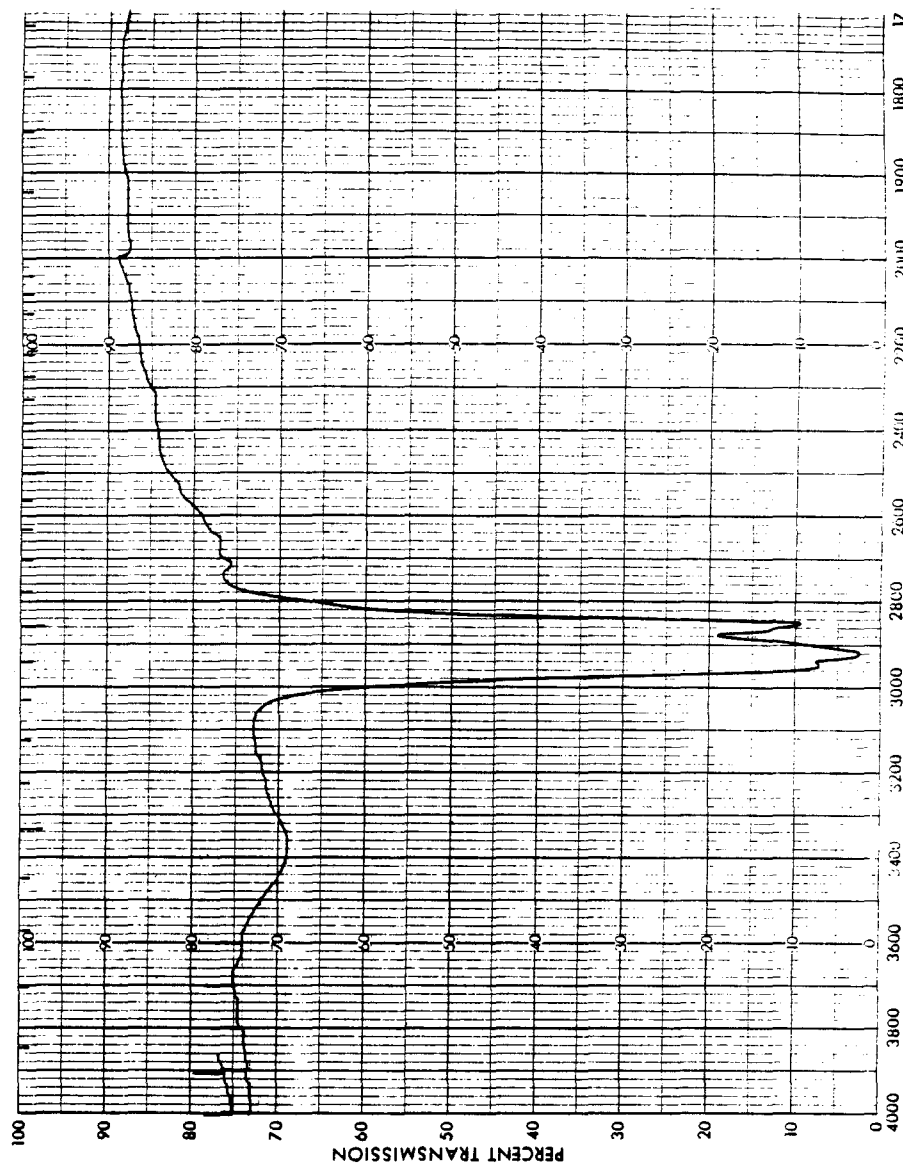
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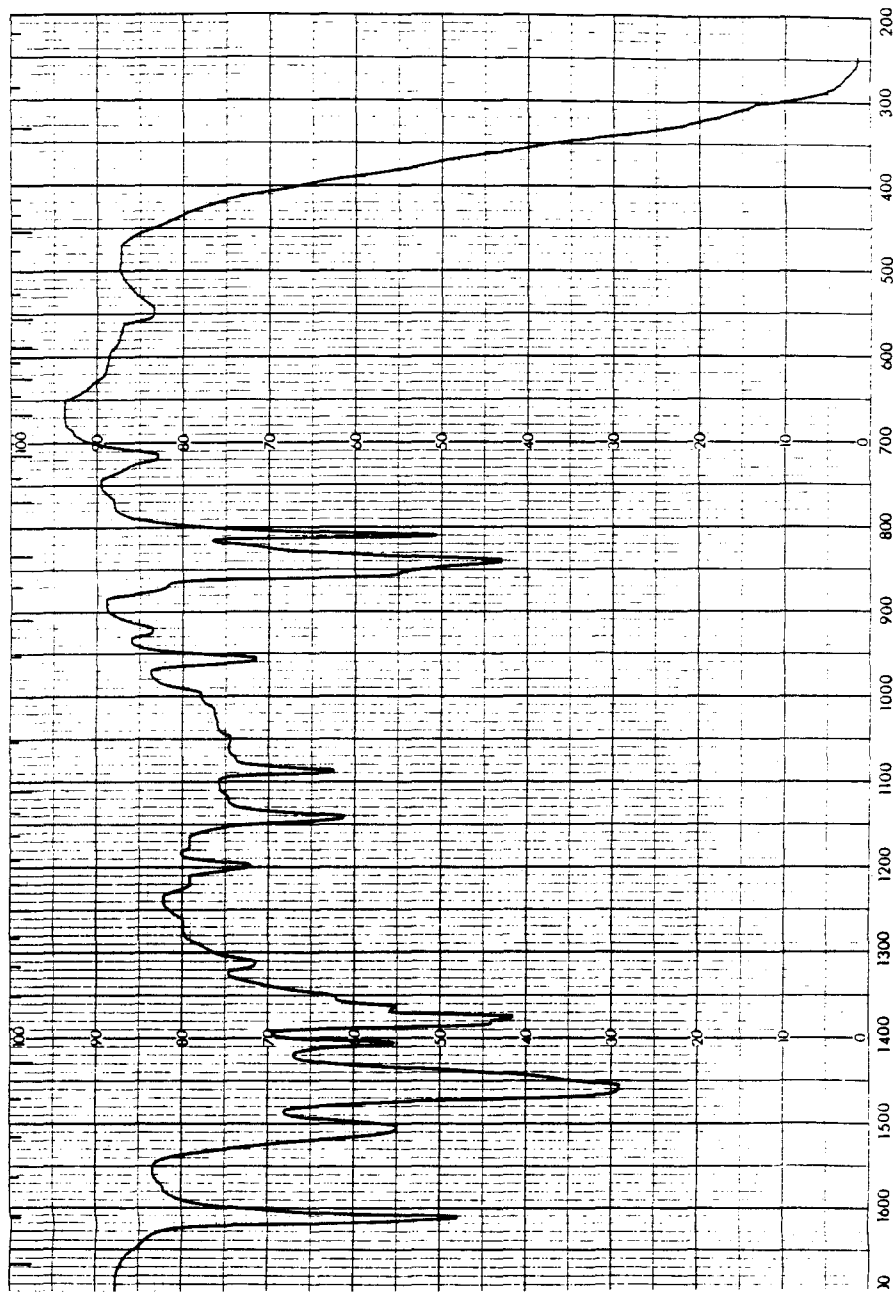


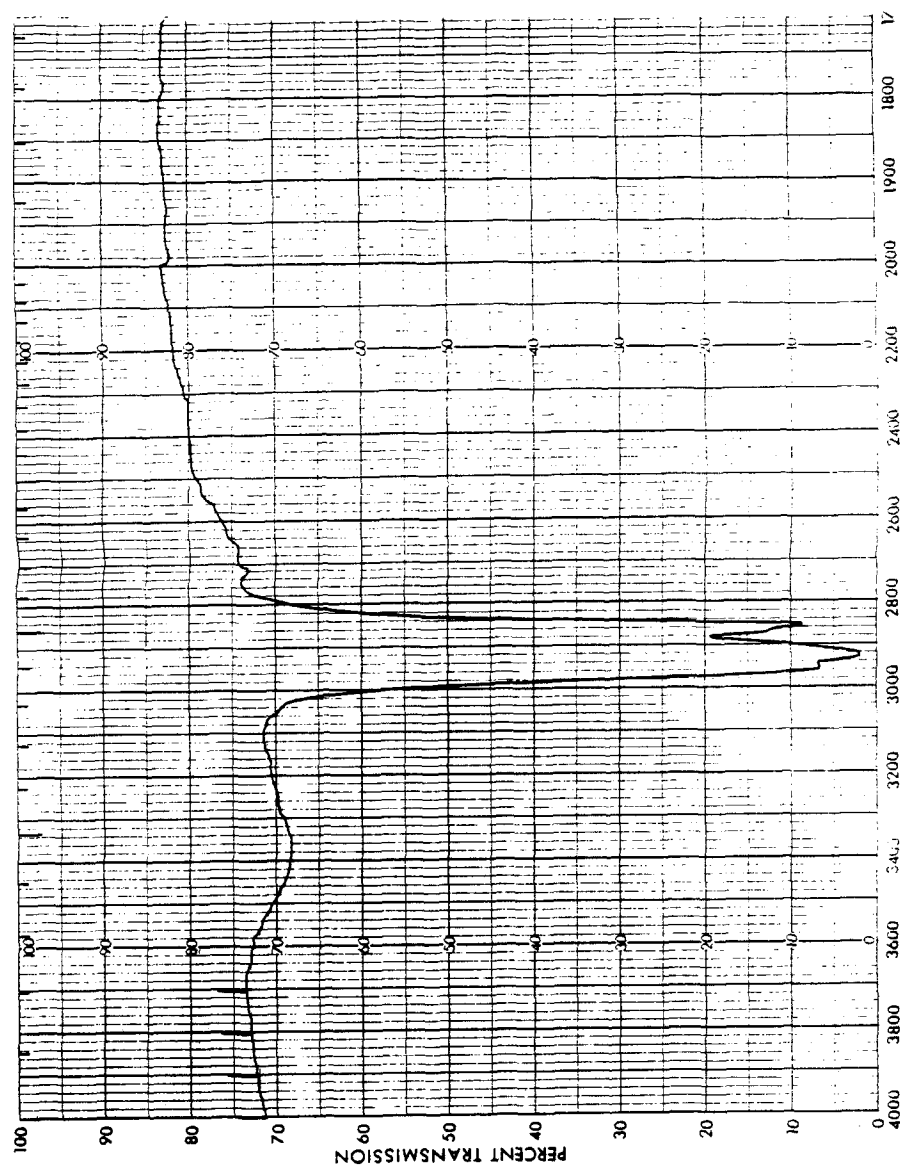
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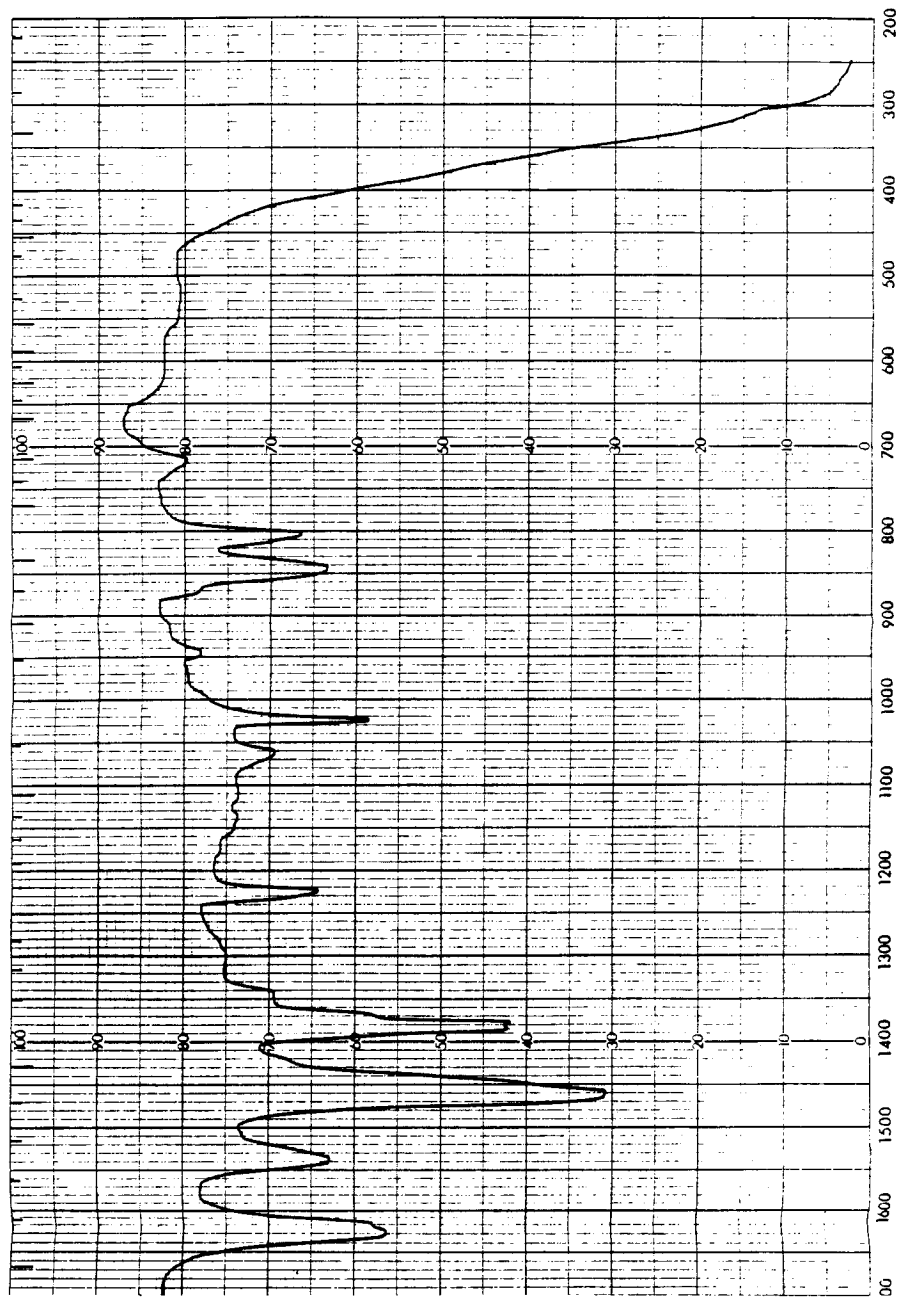




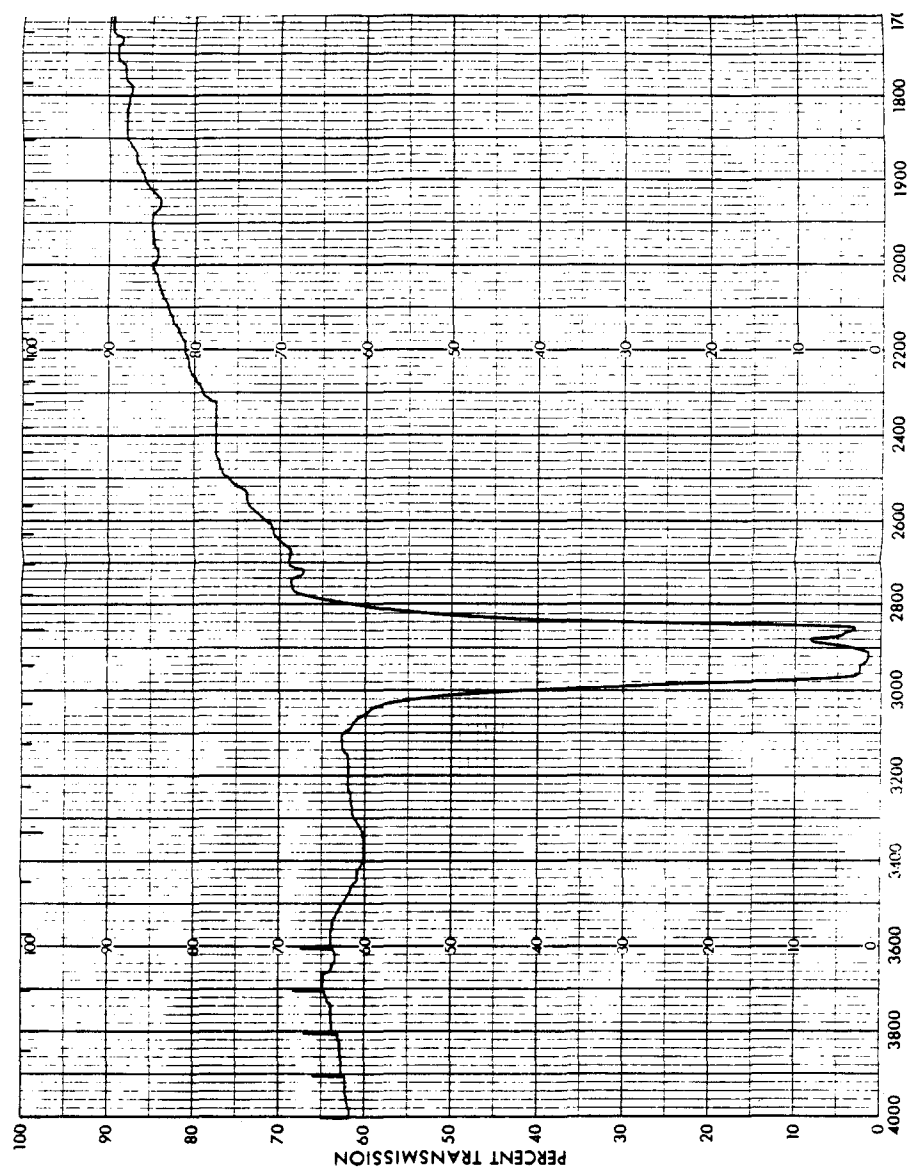
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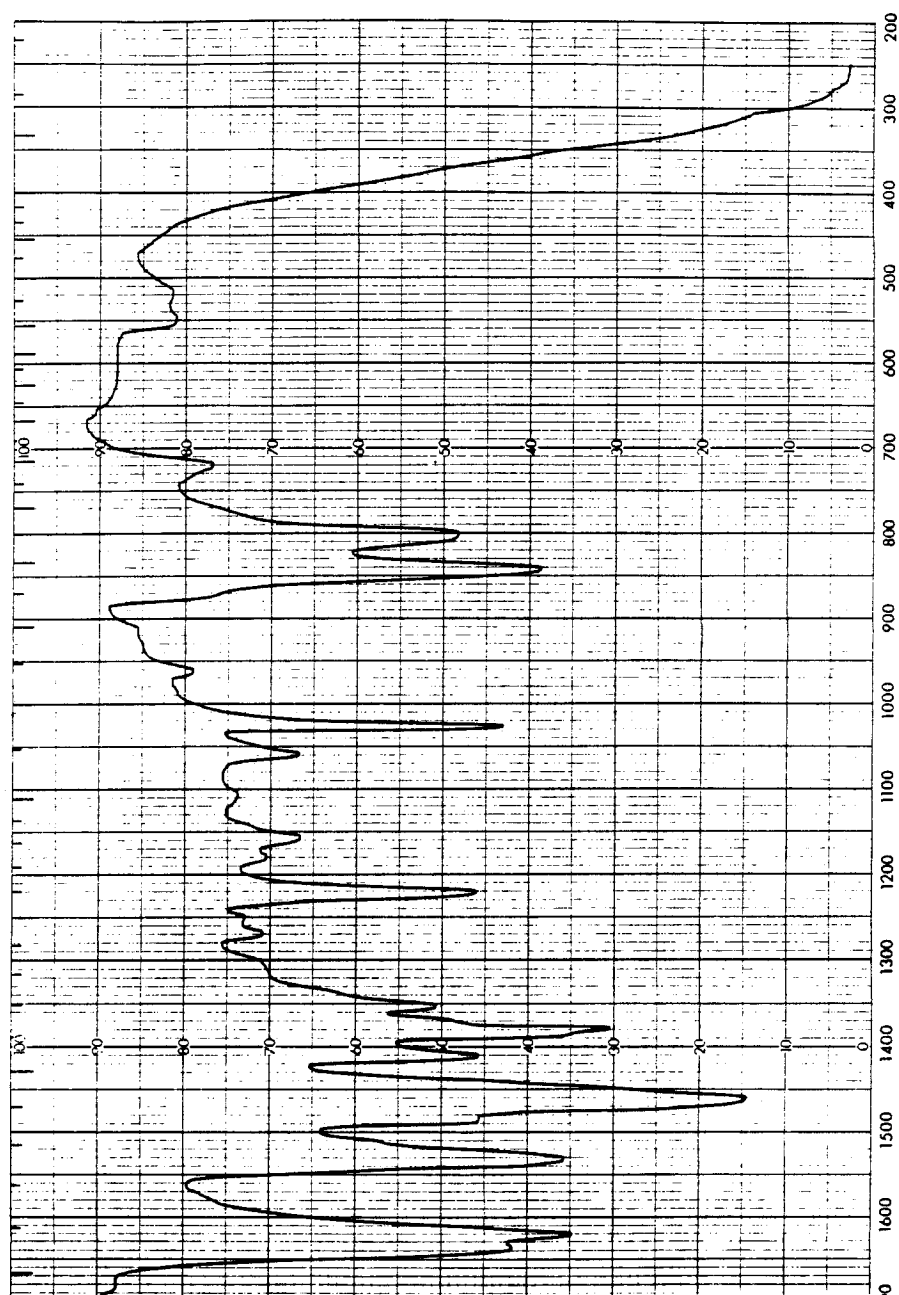


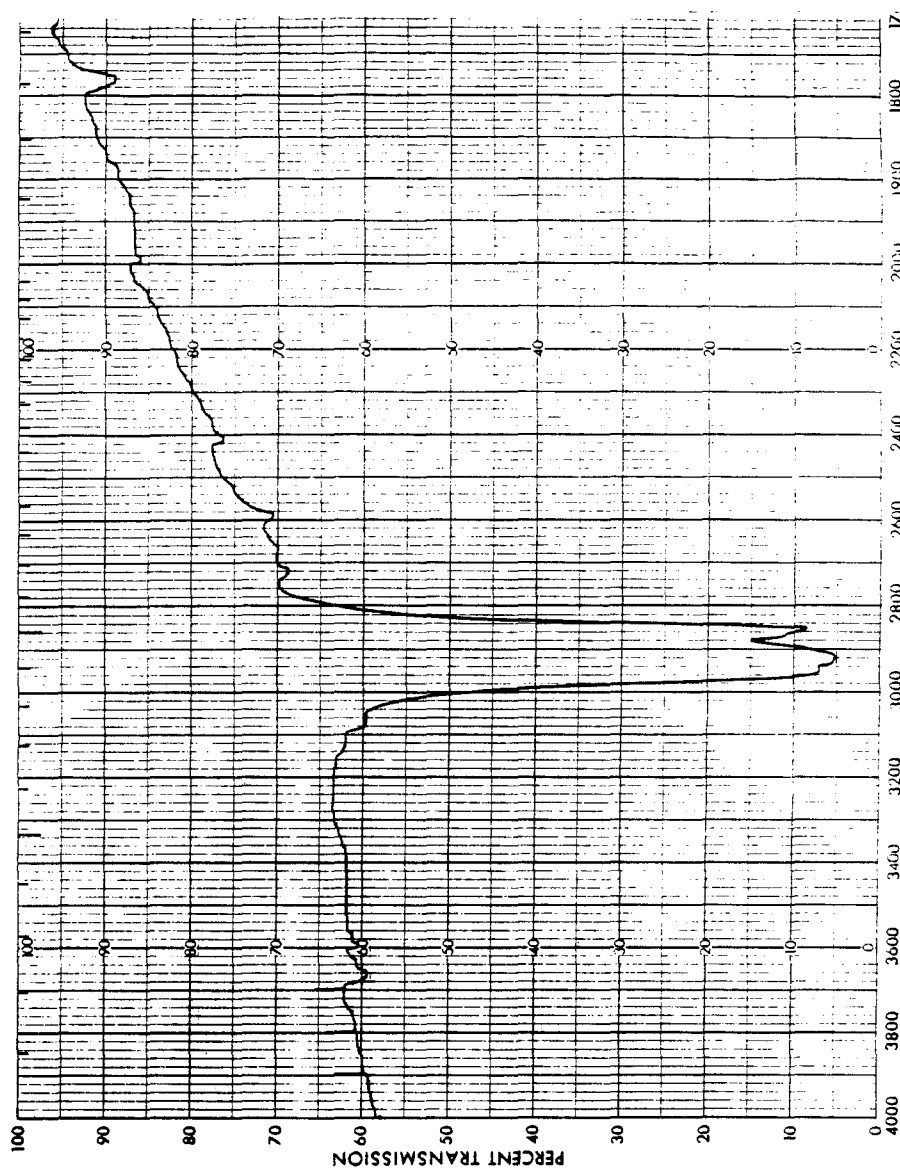
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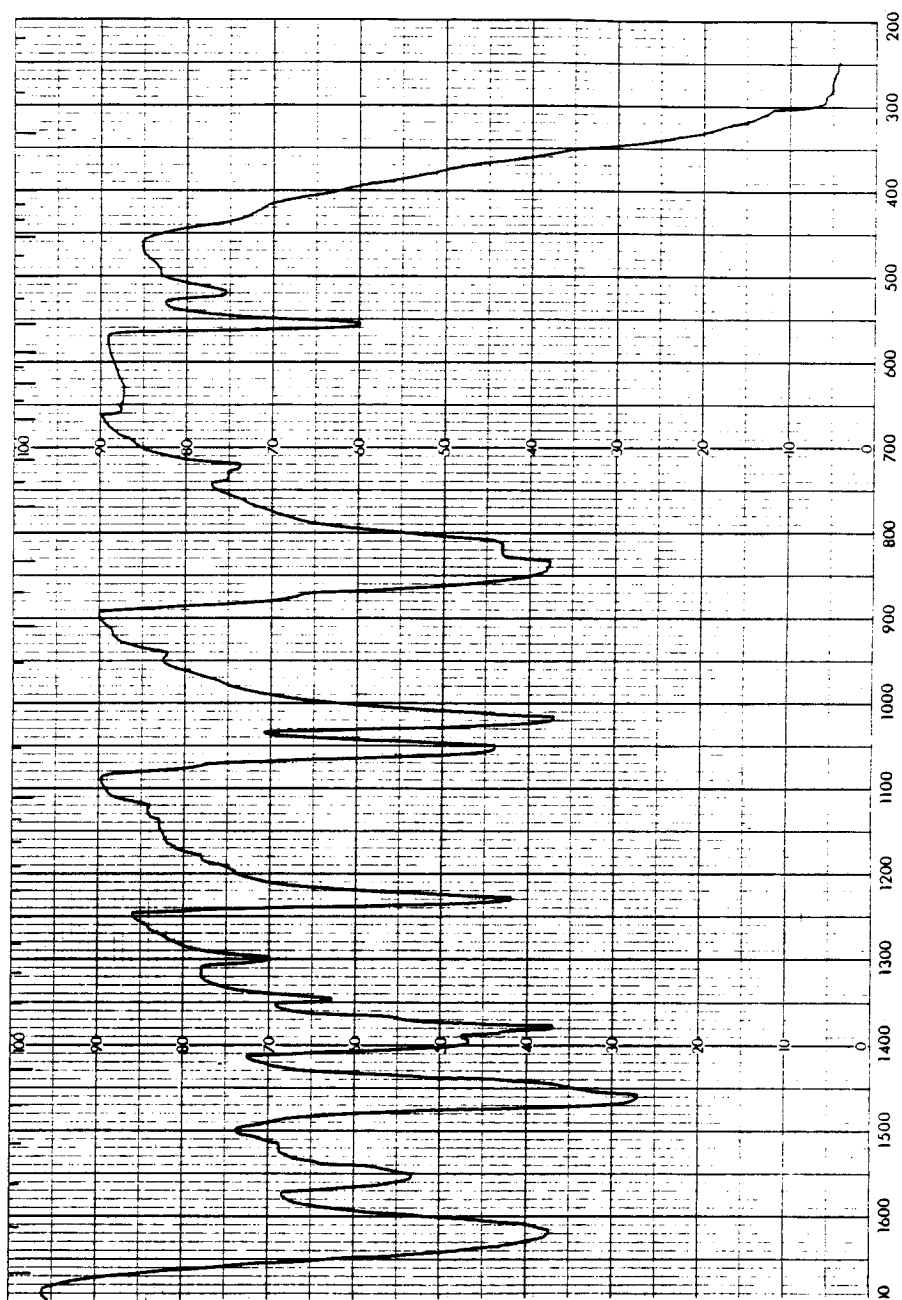


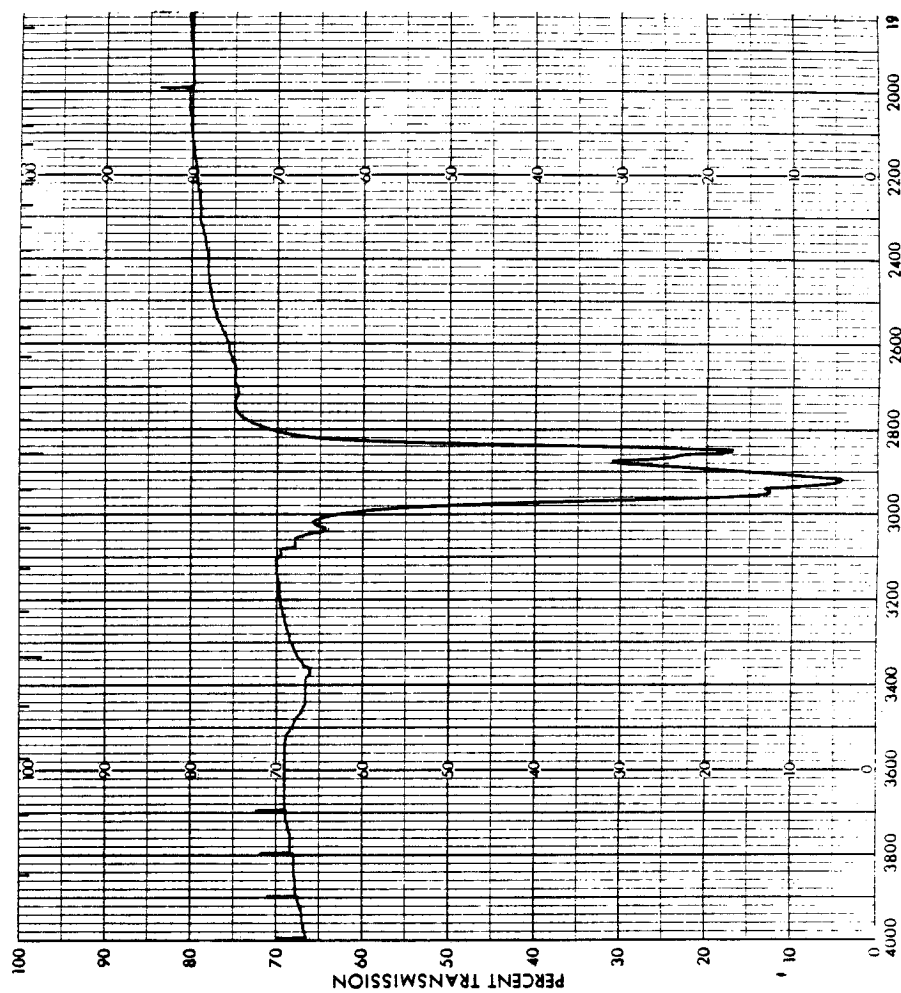
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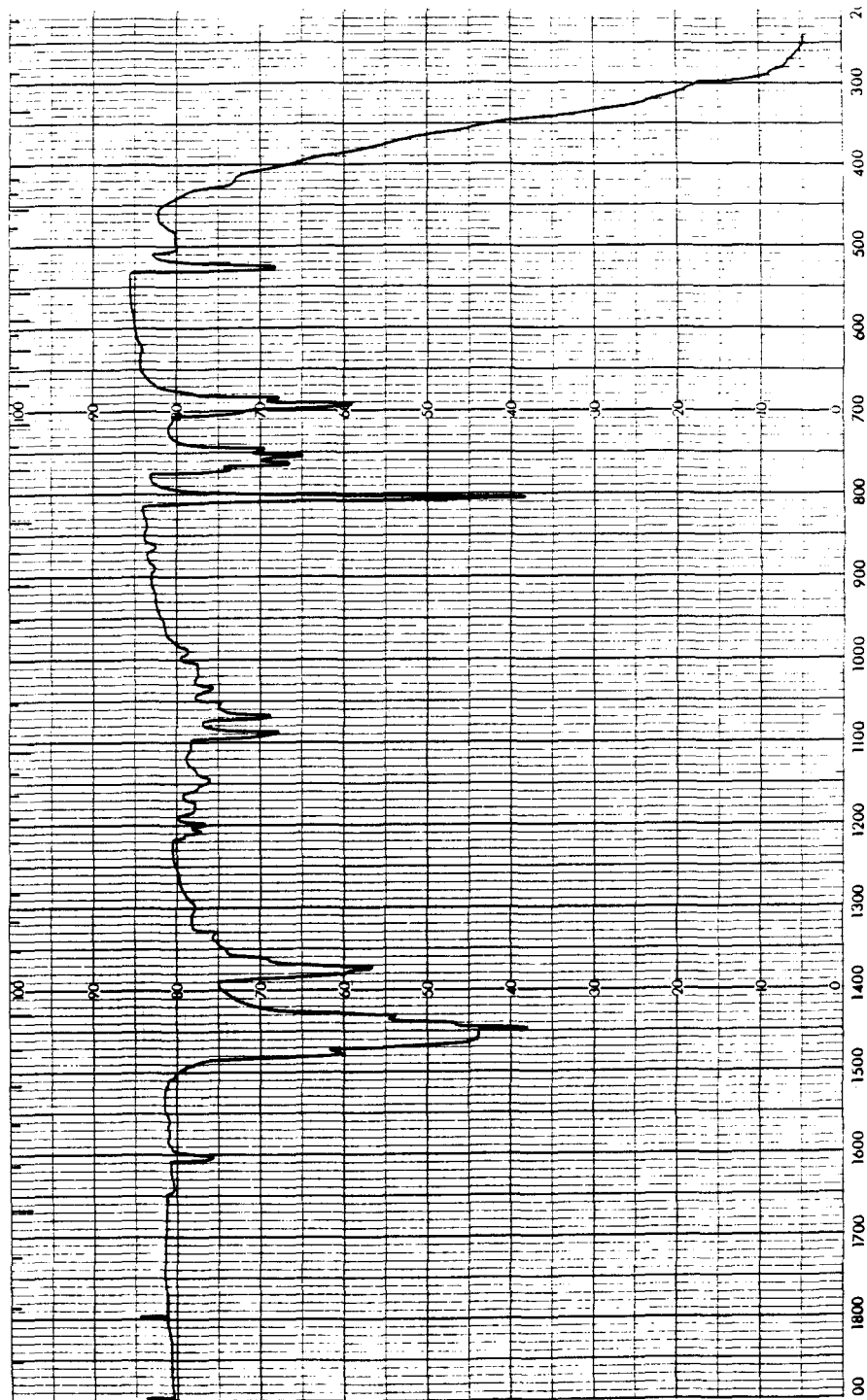


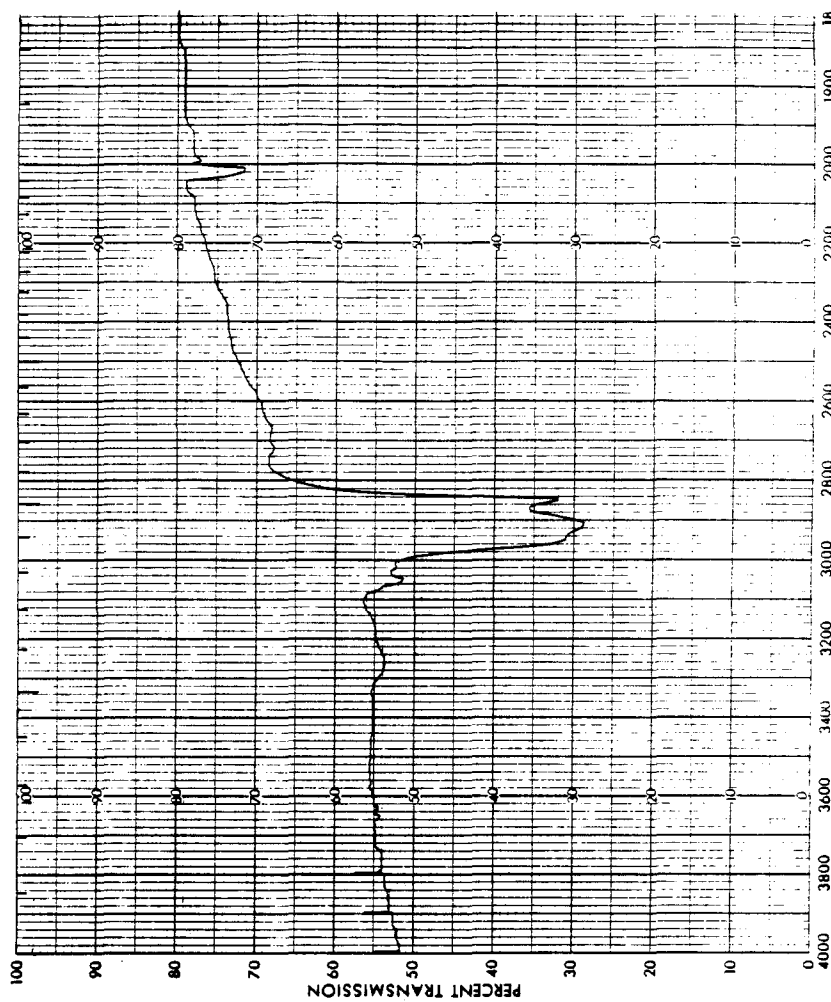
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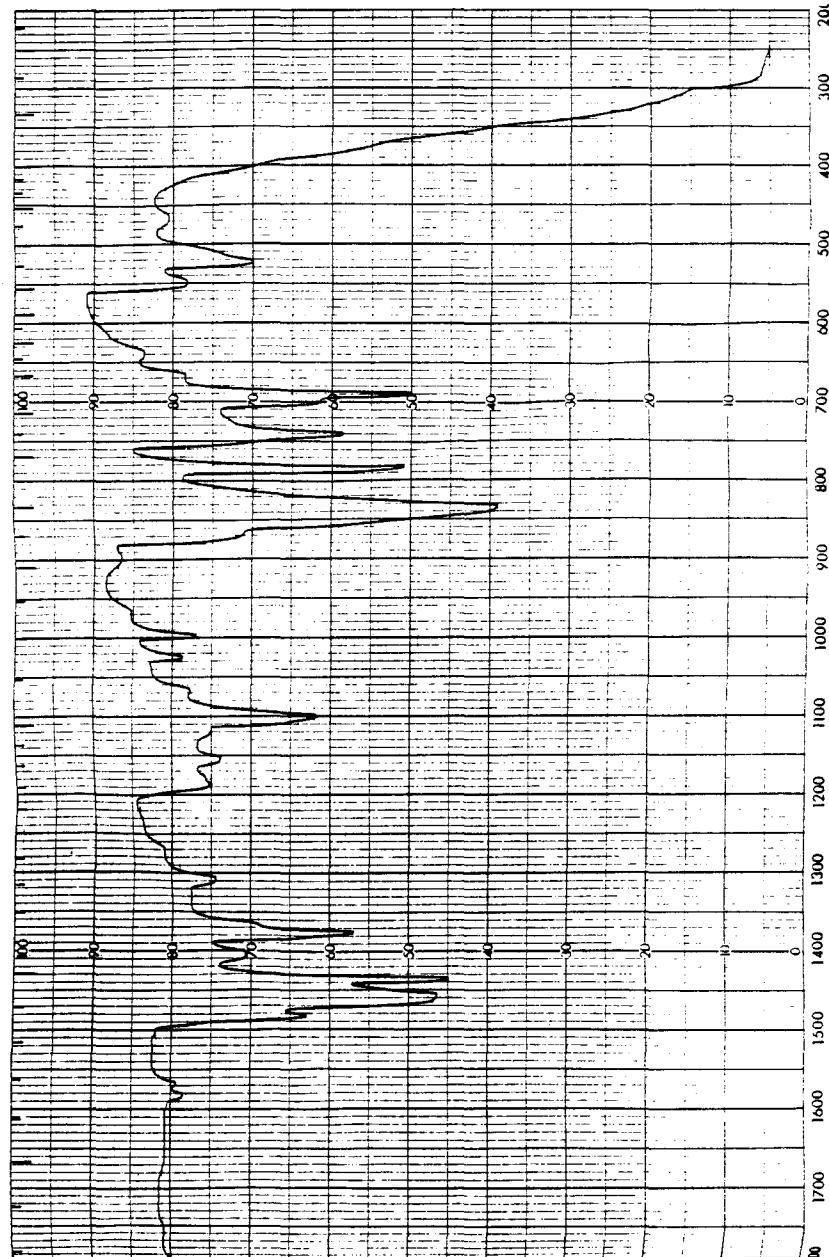




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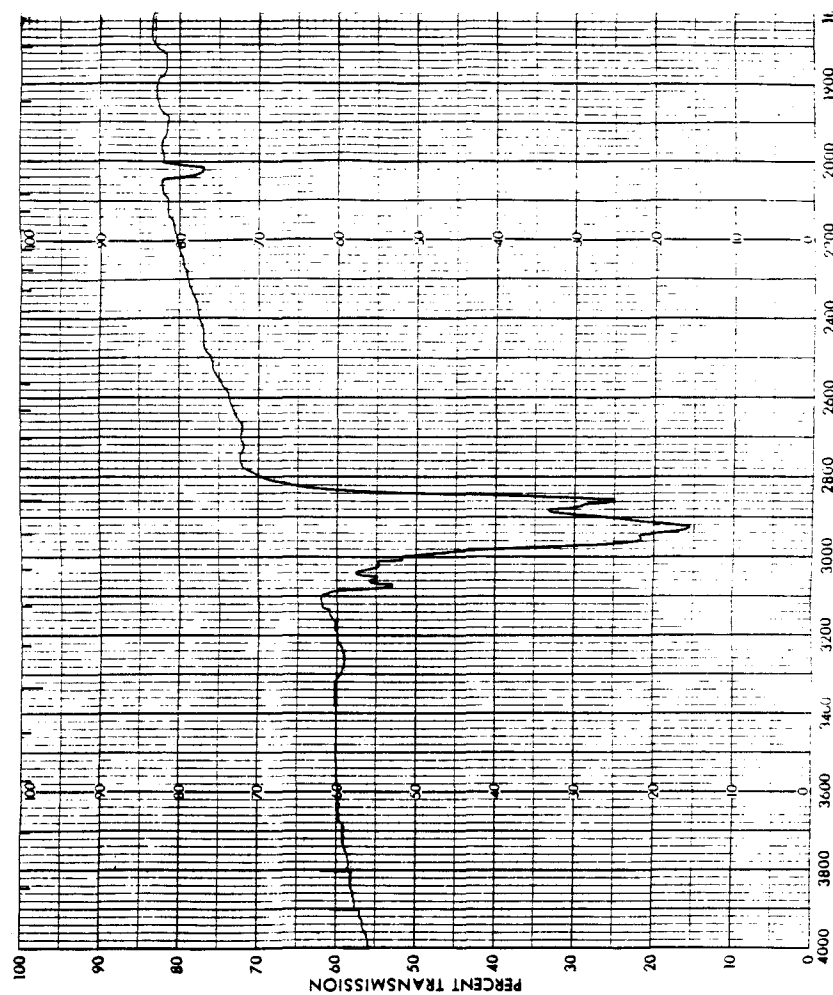


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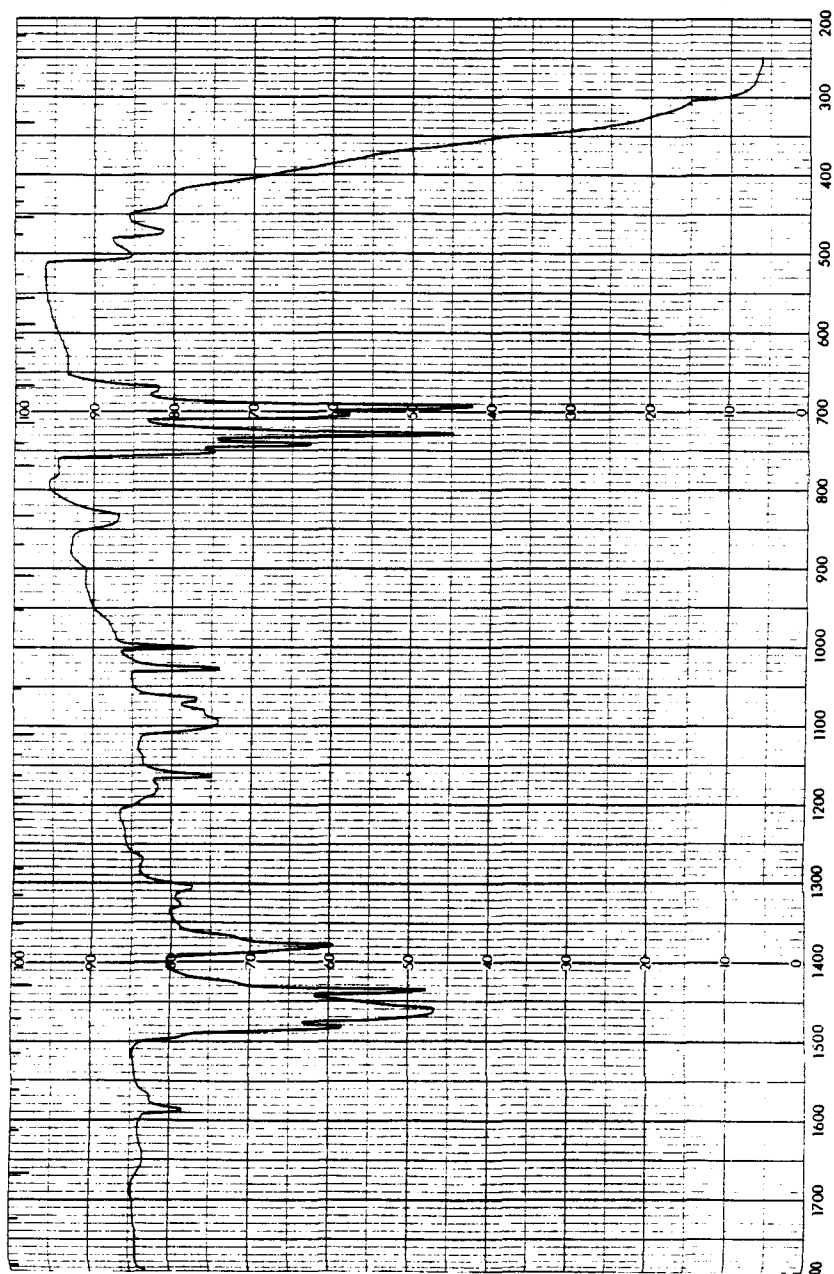


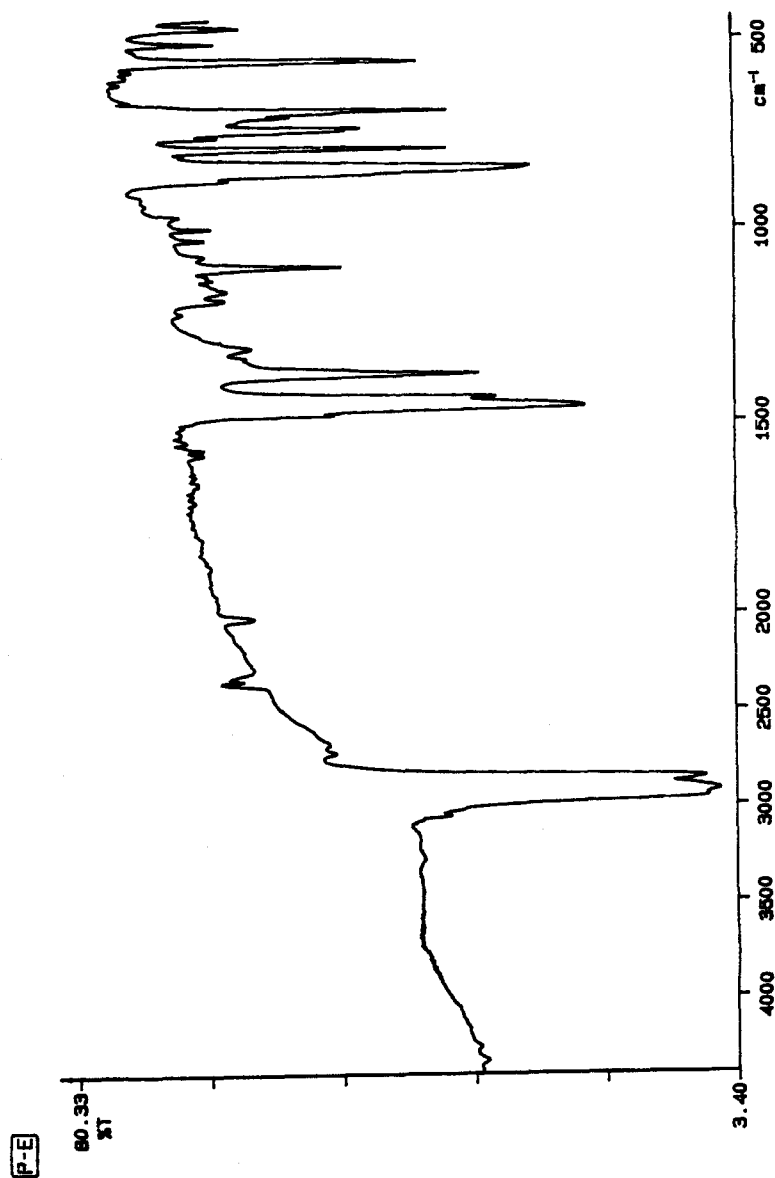
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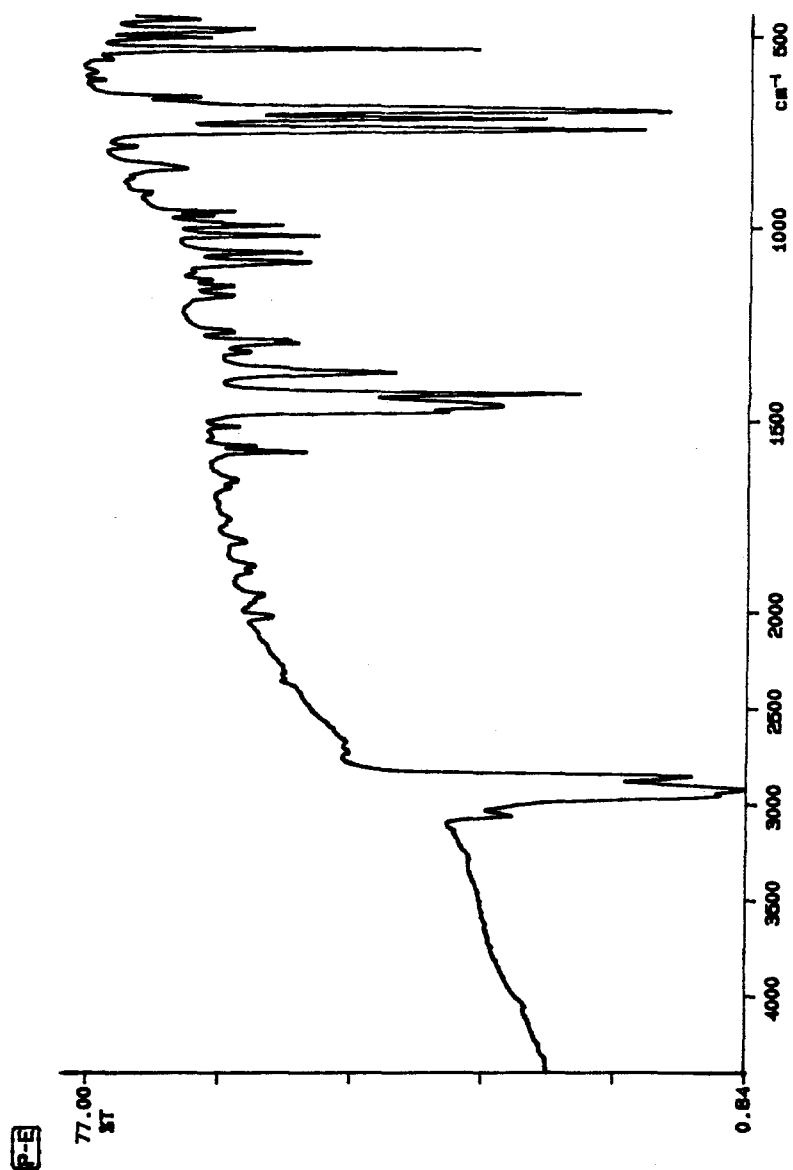


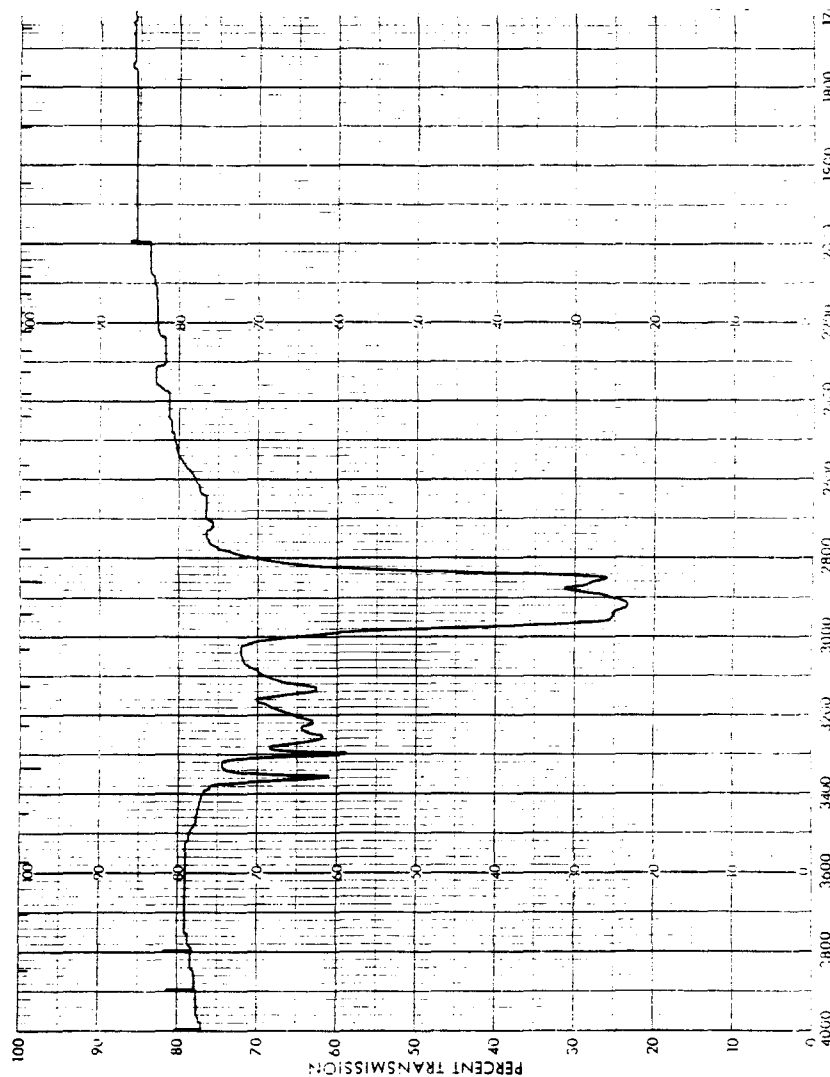
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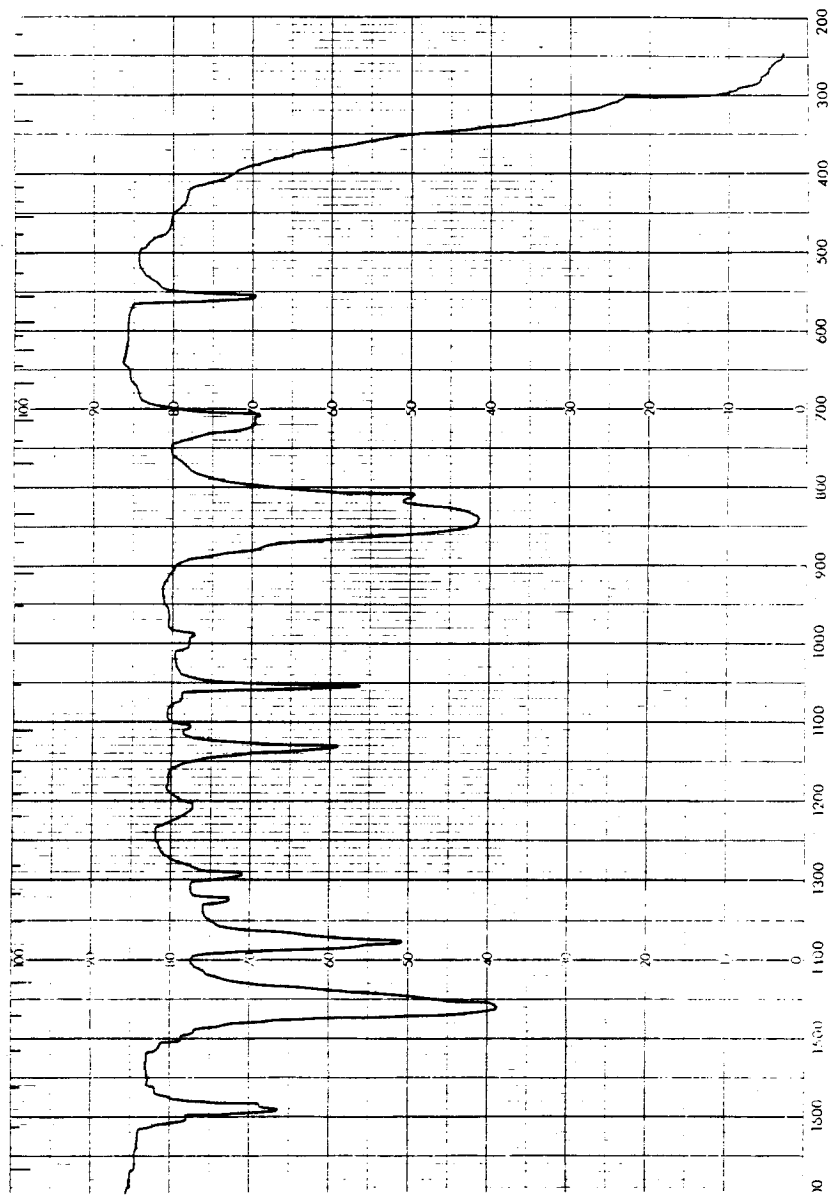


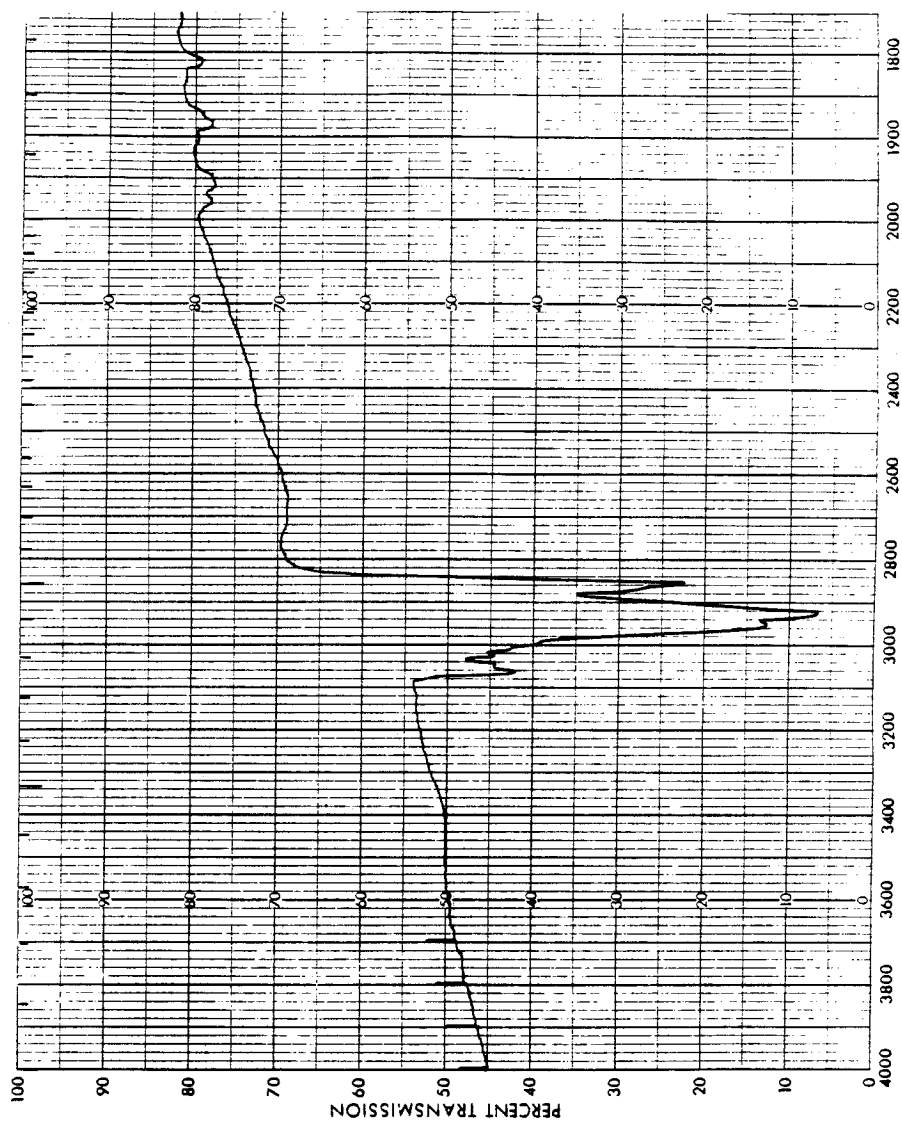
Figure A1.17. IR spectrum of  $\text{PPh}_3$ .

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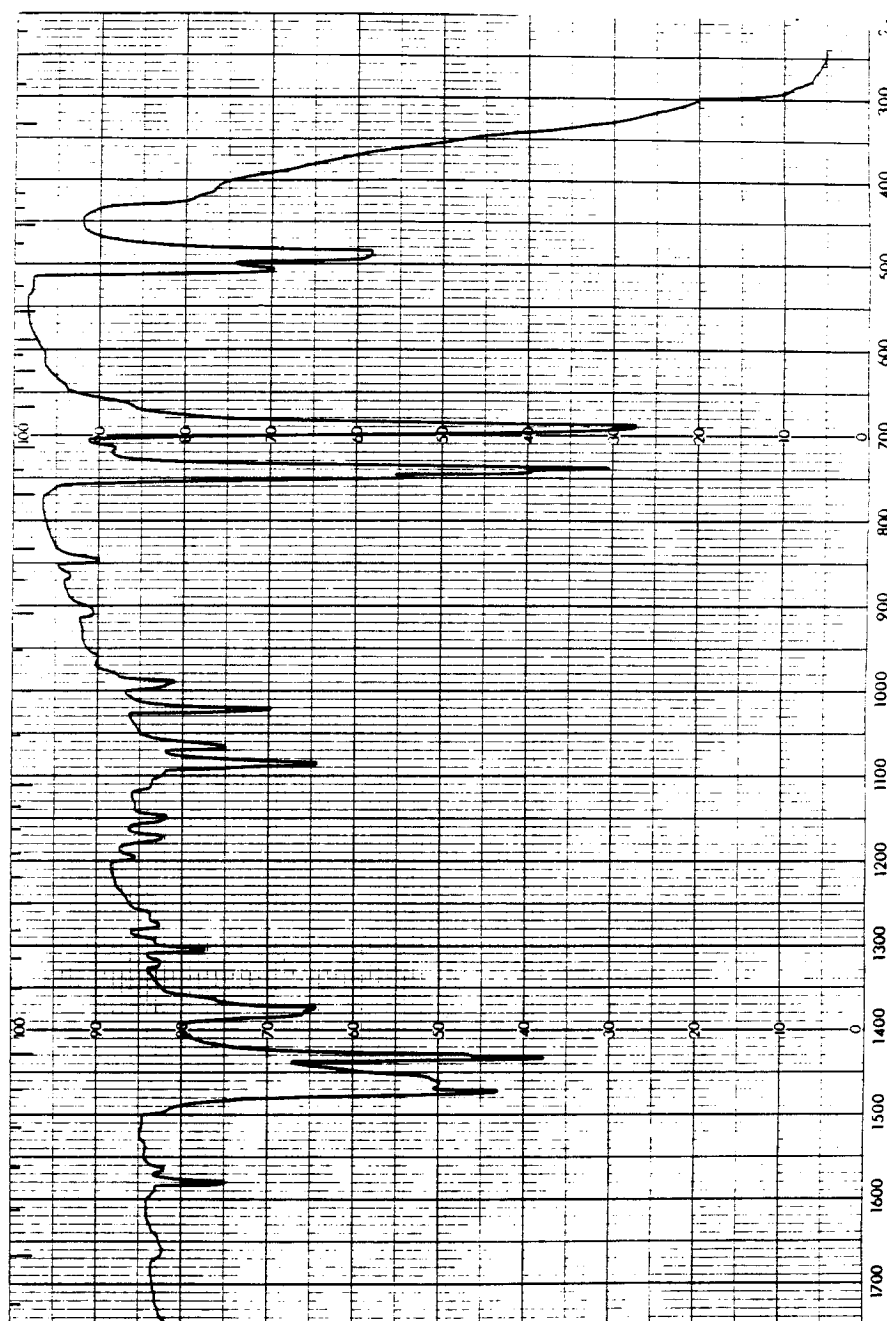




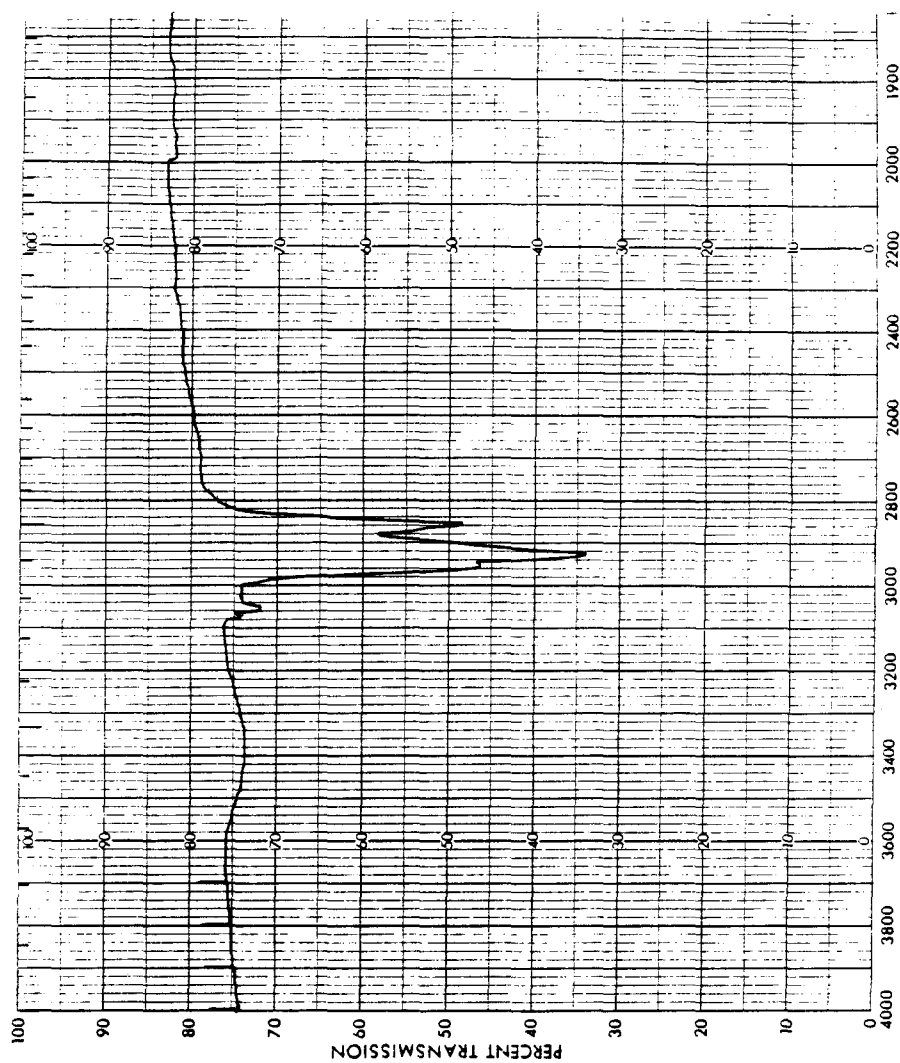
Figure A1.18. IR spectrum of  $\text{O=PPh}_3$ .

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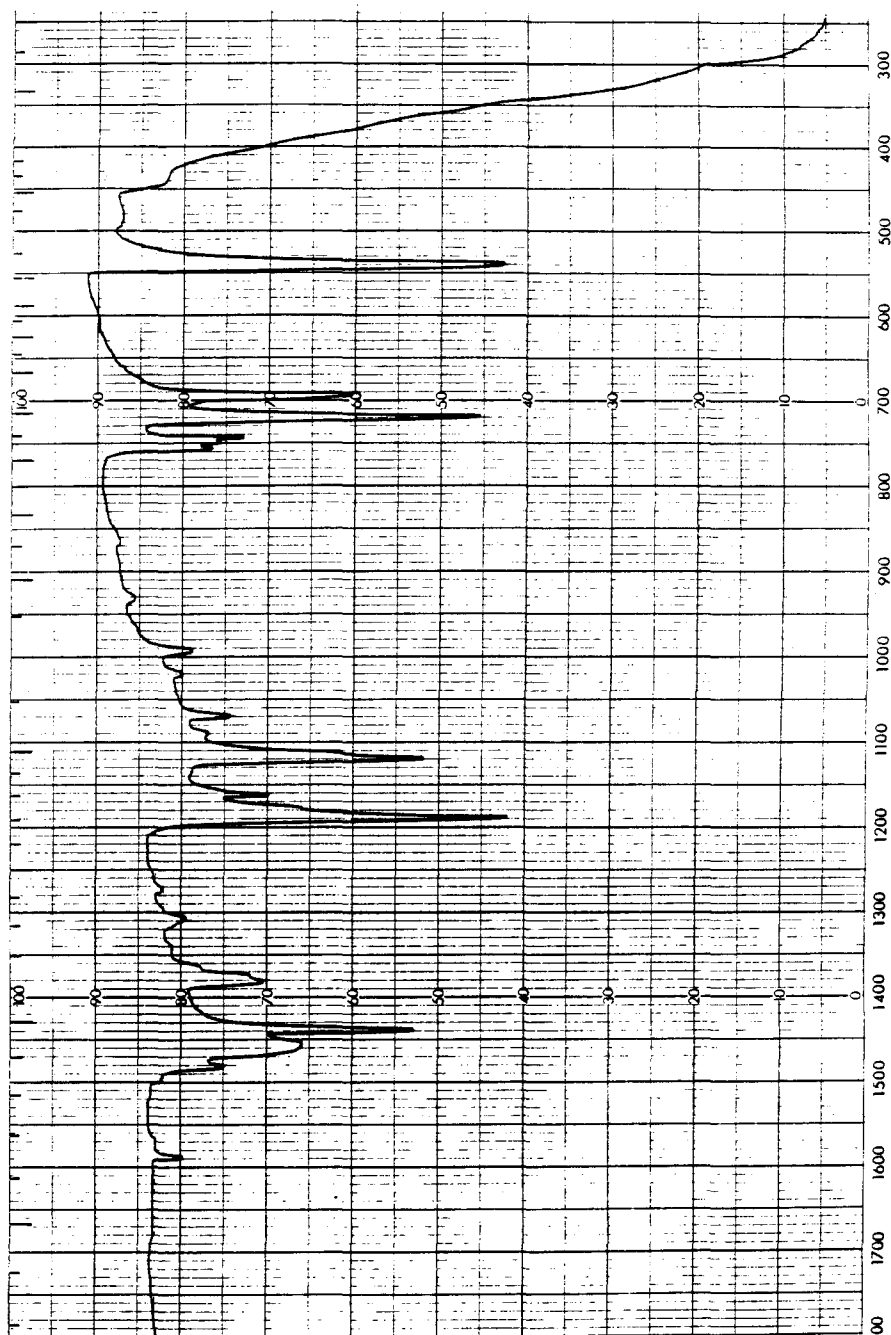


Figure A1.19. IR spectrum of 4-MeOpy.

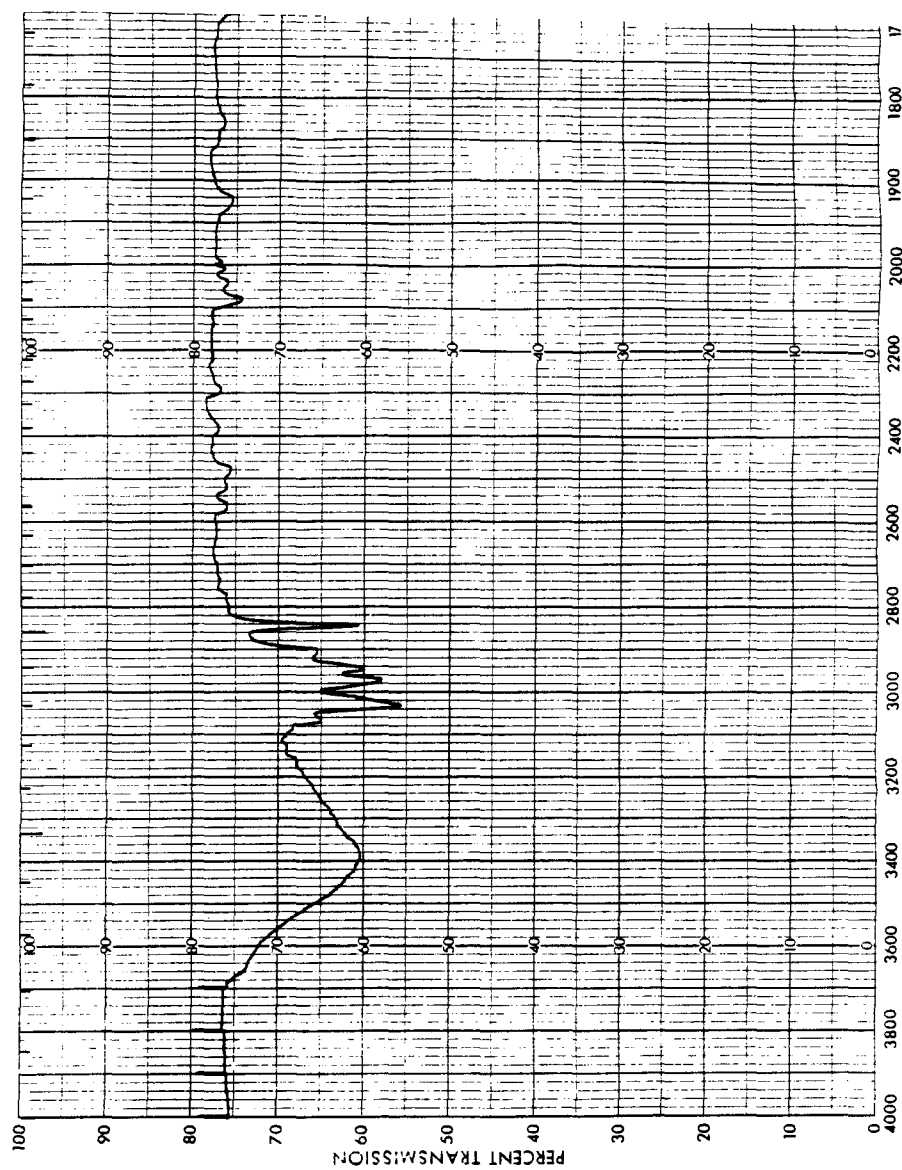
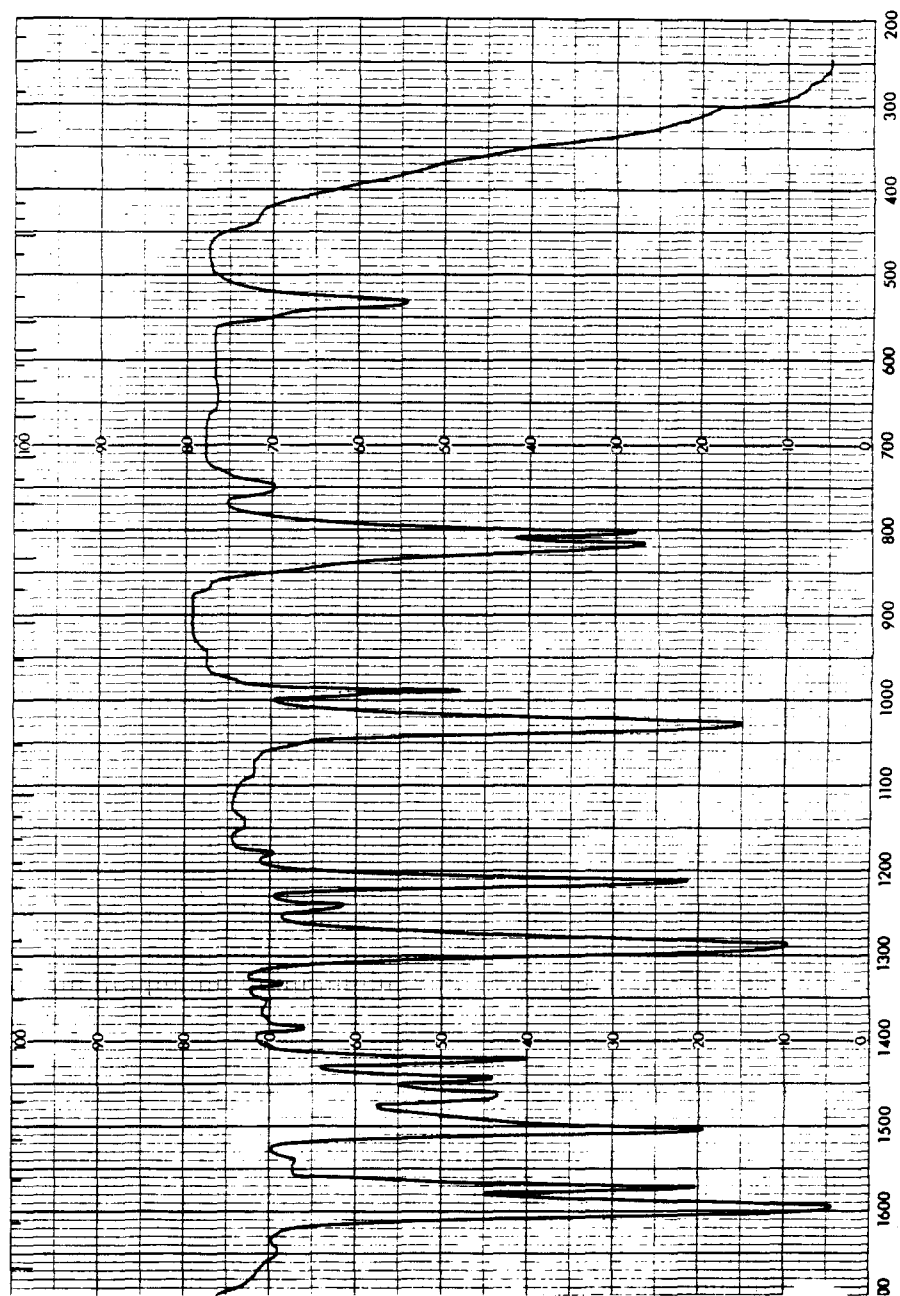


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Appendix 2. Supplementary Material for the X-ray Crystal Structure Determination of *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.

Table A2.1. Crystal and Intensity Collection Data for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.

Formula: ReO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>28</sub> N <sub>8</sub> P <sub>2</sub> F <sub>12</sub> H <sub>40</sub>	Formula weight: 996.813
Crystal color: Azure	Habit: Prismatic
Crystal size: 0.16 × 0.21 × 0.41 mm	
Space group: P $\bar{1}$ (#2)	
$a = 8.307(3)\text{\AA}$	$\alpha = 96.24(6)^\circ$
$b = 10.911(5)\text{\AA}$	$\beta = 108.28(6)^\circ$
$c = 11.907(11)\text{\AA}$	$\gamma = 99.42(6)^\circ$
$V = 996.1(11)\text{\AA}^3$	$Z = 1$
$\rho_{\text{calc}} = 1.662\text{ g cm}^{-3}$	
$\mu = 34.09\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ( $\mu_{\text{rmax}} = 2.66$ )	Transmission coeff. = 0.51 – 0.64
CAD-4 diffractometer	$\theta$ -2 $\theta$ scan
$\lambda = 0.7107\text{\AA}$	Graphite monochromator
2 $\theta$ range: 2°–50°	Octants collected: $\pm h, \pm k, \pm l$
$T = 293^\circ\text{K}$	
Number of reflections measured: 7608	
Number of independent reflections: 3499	
Number with $F_o^2 > 0$ : 3498	
Number with $F_o^2 > 3\sigma(F_o^2)$ : 3482	
Number of reflections used in refinement: 3499	
Goodness of fit for merging data: 1.29	
Final R-index: 0.0389 for 3498 reflections with $F_o^2 > 0$	
Final R-index: 0.0385 for 3482 reflections with $F_o^2 > 3\sigma(F_o^2)$	
Final goodness of fit: 2.77 for 241 parameters and 3499 reflections	

Table A2.2. Anisotropic Thermal Displacement Parameters  $\times 10^4$ for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.

Atom	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{12}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{23}$
Re	314(2)	665(2)	426(2)	114(1)	105(1)	7(1)
O	372(19)	783(27)	534(21)	114(18)	135(16)	28(19)
N11	385(23)	701(30)	431(23)	113(21)	131(19)	7(21)
C11	373(28)	828(42)	513(32)	158(27)	102(24)	12(29)
C12	496(33)	909(46)	468(31)	162(31)	87(26)	-14(30)
C13	512(33)	927(47)	510(33)	181(32)	188(27)	43(31)
C14	411(31)	1148(56)	557(35)	154(33)	152(27)	-12(35)
C15	379(29)	1042(50)	470(31)	99(30)	141(24)	-21(31)
N12	591(34)	1762(68)	505(31)	308(38)	197(26)	-118(35)
C16	775(54)	2620(133)	578(45)	374(67)	187(40)	-264(60)
C17	624(51)	3700(188)	709(53)	466(78)	307(43)	-230(77)
N21	472(25)	598(30)	554(26)	131(22)	178(21)	20(22)
C21	517(34)	743(43)	607(36)	193(30)	130(28)	57(31)
C22	730(44)	777(47)	660(39)	286(37)	212(34)	104(34)
C23	804(46)	716(45)	784(44)	287(38)	439(39)	39(36)
C24	642(41)	640(44)	992(53)	61(34)	284(39)	-40(38)
C25	494(34)	685(42)	711(40)	78(30)	120(29)	3(32)
N22	876(48)	479(37)	825(46)	199(34)	456(39)	168(33)
C26	1561(93)	783(58)	1717(95)	275(60)	1046(81)	193(59)
C27	2025(121)	755(59)	1661(101)	338(67)	1072(96)	221(62)
P	483(10)	1595(23)	840(14)	237(13)	163(10)	-325(15)
F1	1552(74)	3968(164)	2118(89)	676(86)	-37(65)	-1263(100)
F2	1318(69)	2395(106)	4313(171)	0(68)	-396(87)	1011(115)
F3	1904(93)	3329(142)	2605(109)	348(87)	1125(85)	532(100)
F4	2028(94)	3583(150)	2441(103)	398(94)	-19(82)	-1703(103)
F5	2933(156)	1877(101)	4623(208)	306(97)	-341(146)	1237(124)
F6	1723(90)	4121(182)	3360(145)	199(99)	1402(99)	-470(134)

The form of the displacement factor is:

$$\exp -2\pi^2(U_{11}h^2a^{*2} + U_{22}k^2b^{*2} + U_{33}\ell^2c^{*2} + 2U_{12}hka^*b^* + 2U_{13}h\ell a^*c^* + 2U_{23}k\ell b^*c^*)$$

Table A2.3. Assigned Hydrogen Parameters for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>. $x, y$  and  $z \times 10^4$ 

Atom	$x$	$y$	$z$	$B$
H16A	-2547	1956	5814	11.2
H16B	-1201	1202	5615	11.2
H16C	-1105	2570	5356	11.2
H17A	-5095	1367	4543	15.2
H17B	-5349	1590	3240	15.2
H17C	-5356	242	3543	15.2
H26A	2801	6944	-1225	10.7
H26B	3050	6472	-11	10.7
H26C	3722	5829	-952	10.7
H27A	503	6461	-2507	12.0
H27B	-71	5042	-3072	12.0
H27C	-1047	5626	-2303	12.0
HC11	1254	1011	2716	5.2
HC12	241	1478	4242	5.7
HC14	-4639	460	1817	6.4
HC15	-3472	-63	393	5.7
HC21	-1996	1673	-1627	5.6
HC22	-1599	3582	-2180	6.4
HC24	3120	4512	422	6.9
HC25	2616	2558	914	5.7



Table A2.4. Complete Distances and Angles for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.

Distance(Å)			Angle(°)		
Re -O	1.764(4)		O -Re -N11	90.0(2)	
Re -N11	2.108(4)		O -Re -N21	90.0(2)	
Re -N21	2.120(5)		N11 -Re -N21	91.9(2)	
N11 -C11	1.346(7)		C15 -N11 -C11	115.2(5)	
N11 -C15	1.351(8)		C12 -C11 -N11	124.5(5)	
C11 -C12	1.361(9)		HC11 -C11 -N11	117.7	
C11 -HC11	0.951		HC11 -C11 -C12	117.8	
C12 -C13	1.401(9)		C13 -C12 -C11	120.6(6)	
C12 -HC12	0.951		HC12 -C12 -C11	119.5	
C13 -C14	1.419(9)		HC12 -C12 -C13	119.9	
C13 -N12	1.319(9)		C14 -C13 -C12	114.7(6)	
C14 -C15	1.352(9)		N12 -C13 -C12	123.1(6)	
C14 -HC14	0.951		N12 -C13 -C14	122.2(6)	
C15 -HC15	0.951		C15 -C14 -C13	120.5(6)	
N12 -C16	1.451(12)		HC14 -C14 -C13	119.7	
N12 -C17	1.457(13)		HC14 -C14 -C15	119.8	
C16 -H16A	0.950		C14 -C15 -N11	124.4(6)	
C16 -H16B	0.953		HC15 -C15 -N11	117.8	
C16 -H16C	0.952		HC15 -C15 -C14	117.8	
C17 -H17A	0.949		C16 -N12 -C13	121.1(7)	
C17 -H17B	0.941		C17 -N12 -C13	120.7(7)	
C17 -H17C	0.961		C17 -N12 -C16	118.1(7)	
N21 -C21	1.368(8)		H16A -C16 -N12	109.8	
N21 -C25	1.352(8)		H16B -C16 -N12	109.7	
C21 -C22	1.343(10)		H16C -C16 -N12	109.6	
C21 -HC21	0.949		H16B -C16 -H16A	109.3	
C22 -C23	1.408(10)		H16C -C16 -H16A	109.3	
C22 -HC22	0.952		H16C -C16 -H16B	109.1	
C23 -C24	1.418(11)		H17A -C17 -N12	109.6	
C23 -N22	1.298(10)		H17B -C17 -N12	110.1	
C24 -C25	1.362(10)		H17C -C17 -N12	108.8	
C24 -HC24	0.951		H17B -C17 -H17A	110.3	
C25 -HC25	0.949		H17C -C17 -H17A	108.6	
N22 -C26	1.438(13)		H17C -C17 -H17B	109.3	
N22 -C27	1.394(14)		C25 -N21 -C21	115.8(5)	
C26 -H26A	0.948		C22 -C21 -N21	123.5(6)	
C26 -H26B	0.948		HC21 -C21 -N21	118.5	
C26 -H26C	0.952		HC21 -C21 -C22	118.0	
C27 -H27A	0.949		C23 -C22 -C21	121.7(7)	
C27 -H27B	0.952		HC22 -C22 -C21	119.4	
C27 -H27C	0.951		HC22 -C22 -C23	118.9	
P -F1	1.458(11)		C24 -C23 -C22	114.2(7)	
P -F2	1.480(12)		N22 -C23 -C22	123.6(7)	
P -F3	1.521(12)		N22 -C23 -C24	122.2(7)	
P -F4	1.457(12)		C25 -C24 -C23	121.0(7)	
P -F5	1.415(15)		HC24 -C24 -C23	119.3	
P -F6	1.482(14)		HC24 -C24 -C25	119.7	

Table A2.4. (Cont'd)

Angle( $^{\circ}$ )

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HC25	-C25	-N21	118.5
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C26	-N22	-C23	122.6(8)
C27	-N22	-C23	121.6(8)
C27	-N22	-C26	115.2(8)
H26A	-C26	-N22	109.4
H26B	-C26	-N22	109.5
H26C	-C26	-N22	109.2
H26B	-C26	-H26A	109.8
H26C	-C26	-H26A	109.4
H26C	-C26	-H26B	109.4
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F2	-P	-F1	86.2(7)
F3	-P	-F1	95.3(6)
F4	-P	-F1	177.4(7)
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F6	-P	-F1	85.5(7)
F3	-P	-F2	81.7(7)
F4	-P	-F2	91.9(7)
F5	-P	-F2	170.3(8)
F6	-P	-F2	97.0(7)
F4	-P	-F3	86.3(7)
F5	-P	-F3	91.1(8)
F6	-P	-F3	178.4(7)
F5	-P	-F4	94.1(8)
F6	-P	-F4	92.9(7)
F6	-P	-F5	90.3(8)

Table A2.5. Observed and Calculated Structure Factors for *trans*-[ReO<sub>2</sub>(dmap)<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.

The columns contain, in order,  $\ell$ ,  $10F_{obs}$ ,  $10F_{calc}$  and  $10\left(\frac{F_{obs}^2 - F_{calc}^2}{\sigma F_{obs}^2}\right)$ .

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